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Presenting!

The Rain Drops

(Your Planning Committee) will be appearing from
May 23-30, 2004 at the Double Tree Hotel, Seattle, WA
Splish-Splash, we are planning a bash!

City Attractions: (Citysearch.com)

Ballard Locks, 3015 NW 54th St., Seattle, WA 98107

This year-round, water-bound spectacle is simple in concept and complex in design. Pass a sunny day (that's what I said - sunny) watching boats of all shapes and sizes come into the locks - leave after the water level has been adjusted to allow passage to the Lake Union or Puget Sound. Stop by the fish ladder, built to allow salmon to pass between fresh & salt water. Glass panels make it possible to view the fish as they navigate their way through the ladder, adjusting to different levels of salt each step of the way. Occasionally, a clever sea lion will hang out, waiting for his next meal.

Northwest Folklife Festival, Seattle Center, Seattle, WA 98116

(Memorial Day Weekend)

There are no flashy headliners; there is no admission fee: it's simply a 4-day festival with artists sharing the music and art they create in their daily lives with the rest of the community. With over 1,000 performances on 19 stages, the party just won't stop.

Lu Gardiner, Publicity Chairman
RUAEA 2004 Convention
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The 2004 Seattle Convention Raffles

The annual Art Raffle, with art objects donated by talented retirees and friends. \$1.00 per ticket, \$5.00 for 7 tickets. Drawing will take place on Sat. afternoon prior to the RUAEA Banquet. The art will be on display the entire convention week.

The 50/50 Raffle will also be offered on a daily basis during the convention week. The first drawing is planned for Wed. using tickets from Sun. through Wed. After that the drawing will take place daily. \$1.00 per ticket, \$5.00 for 7 tickets. Half the proceeds go to the winner.

A Special Raffle for a Douglas DC-3 Authentically Scaled Die-Cast Replica. There will be 12 winners of a DC-3 commemorating Clay Lacey flying in his DC-3 exclusively for our convention. \$1.00 per ticket, \$5.00 for 7 tickets. The winning tickets will be drawn on Sat. just prior to the banquet dinner.

The Prop Wash Party Raffle on Thurs. night at the party, must be present to win. Buckets of Prop Wash & Sky Hooks will be raffled off with a gift in every bucket. We will draw 4 winners at 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. That's 4 winners at each drawing, 16 prizes. If you wish to be in the raffle you will use your Prop Wash Party Ticket, write your name on the back of the ticket, pay \$3.00 & drop your ticket in the bucket (one ticket per person).

CORRECTION

Tour #4, Leavenworth on the Tours Page, is priced at \$60.00

Tour #4, Leavenworth on the Registration form, is priced at \$65.00

The Registration form is correct; the cost of the tour is \$65.00.

We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Convention Hotel

Doubletree Hotel - Seattle Airport is a very delightful hotel - many amenities: hair dryer, ironing board, iron plus a coffee maker with complimentary coffee or tea. Freshly baked chocolate chip cookies await you at check-in.

Complimentary airport shuttle picks up on the 3rd floor of the airport parking garage and runs every 15 minutes on the hour, 24 hours a day. Convention rate: \$95 + 12.4% room tax.

Gooney Bird Coming to the Seattle Convention

Clay Lacy, Retired United Airlines Captain and member of the Board of Directors of United Airlines Historical Foundation, will fly his magnificent Douglas DC-3 to SEA for the RUAEA convention in May. The interior has been finished in a plush executive style; the exterior is painted in the post-war United Airlines paint scheme. The airplane will be parked on the ramp at the Seattle Museum of Flight at Boeing Field, for your viewing. Two tours of the museum are planned. Tour #5 on Thurs. May 27, & Tour #11 on Fri., May 28. The museum also has a recently donated British Airways Concorde on the ramp.

Clay's DC-3 is named the Mainliner O'Conner in honor of Mary O'Conner who flew with W.A. Patterson in his executive airplane, a Convair 340. Mary started her career with United on May 18, 1933; her first flight was in a 10-passenger Ford Tri-Motor between CHI & NY.

I know you will enjoy viewing this beautiful airplane. We thank Clay for sharing this part of United's history with us.

Jim Fauber
President, RUAEA

GENERAL NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members:

United seeks modification in medical benefits for retirees.

It is an understatement that all retirees have read, heard & discussed the health insurance issue that was announced by United.

It is true that under the bankruptcy umbrella, with the consent of the bankruptcy court, United can legally cancel their contracts and financial commitments. The company's position is that to come out of bankruptcy they must reduce their insurance costs. Their position is that they want to negotiate what and how to do this.

As provided for in the U.S. bankruptcy code, unions are the presumed representatives of retirees who have been members of that union. United said that unions who accept will serve on the committee along with representatives they approve to represent the non-union, management & salaried retirees.

RUAEA is the largest of all the retiree organizations; our membership is open to union & non-union retirees. RUAEA must be a part of these hearings. We want to represent, not just RUAEA non-union, management & salaried retirees, but all of the retirees that fall into that category. I have discussed this with the key United principals about our involvement in these hearings.

We presented United with three names that we would like to represent us before the bankruptcy

court. They are Mort Wax, Jim Houser & Ed Tolle. All three have been accepted into the pool. The bankruptcy court must approve committee membership. If they are accepted by the court, United has offered both legal and financial assistance in presenting our case before the court.

I believe we are not, and cannot be, immune from the real world. United in its weakened status of bankruptcy and creditors makes United, the current employees, and retirees very vulnerable. I pray that the bankruptcy court, United, and the representatives chosen by the court to negotiate the health insurance issue will approach the problem with understanding, realism and with the best interest of United and its retirees in exiting from bankruptcy. We must get this job done.

Retirees can express their displeasure by calling 1-866-825-4104 or by e-mail BB-Retiree-Medical@united.com - do not write or e-mail Judge Eugene Wedoff as he will not read your letters or e-mail. His job is to remain unbiased in this case.

I want to tell you that the RUAEA Board of Directors meeting was held in SEA on the 28th of Jan.; a lengthy discussion took place about the role RUAEA should play in issues concerning retiree benefits in the future. It was decided that RUAEA must change the way we do business. We must become more "pro-active", not just a social organization. This process started right after the bankruptcy was announced on Dec. 9 and has the approval of the board.

Now, for some good news. Rich Bouska, the national president of RUPA, sent this message to me: "As you have heard by now, the senate has passed the Pension Reform Bill that will allow all airlines relief by giving another two years in order to fund pensions. This is great news! But we need to pick up the phone and and call (202) 456-1111.

"This is the White House Comment Line. You will speak to a real live volunteer that will take your comments regarding issues. Say you are calling to ask President Bush to sign HR3108 Pension Reform. Bush says he is going to veto the bill. Tell them you are a UAL pensioner. Ask your friends & family to call as well.

"The oval office sends runners down two or three times a day to pick up tallies on issues. This could make a difference. Call today."

Jim Fauber, President RUAEA
FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Last April we established our RUAEA website. Our initial focus was to publish the newsletter. We have also included information about RUAEA, how to join, etc. Recently we have included information about the convention. Currently we are including information about the current health insurance issue.

To be successful with our website we need to develop it further. It needs to include additional features retirees would find useful, valuable, of high interest and easy to access. This means that features need to be added that are specifically targeted to United's retirees. These may include but not limited to:

Travel on United

Offline travel - what's available, costs, how to acquire, etc.

Retiree insurance - status of what's going on, premiums, coverages, benefits in simple terms

Pension - status, issues, etc.

Trips and tours available to retirees

Status and issues about United Airlines

Process of where and how retirees can get help plus assistance in resolving problems and getting answers to their questions

Process for retirees to provide input and suggestions regarding RUAEA, United Airlines, benefits, etc.

Other items defined to be of high interest to retirees.

Establish links with United's Skynet and other retiree organizations.

One might suggest that for the most part these are available on United's Skynet. To a degree that's true; however, it's written & focused for active employees. Thus, it does not target retirees' interests and concerns & is not written with the clarity for retirees.

For this to happen we need to provide the support required. We are looking for someone who is interested, has the skills to design, write & maintain our website. We want to share the direction we are going to make our website more interesting and valuable to retirees. If you know of someone who could and would help us with this, please let me know.

Marlin Lade, Executive Vice President

New things happen every day

All of us at the RUAEA office in DEN are trying to find ways to make our Newsletter & correspondence experience easier for you to get and use. The good news is we now have an e-mail address. We want to start off slowly, so we are asking for your help. Below are the subjects we will accept at this time.

There are only 3 items we are accepting at this time: the first would be for address changes, name changes, or personal status changes. These items would be titled **“Membership”** in the subject bar of your e-mail. When you send this information we **must** have your name as it appears on your mailing label & your file number. Also include the changes you are requesting.

The second item would be for correspondence to someone particular in the office staff, such as Jo Madden, Mel Conine, Howard Tress, or the secretaries, Harriet Ahr, Beverly Strand, or Adele Fishler. For those of you who don't know Howard, he is the co-office manager of the DEN RUAEA office who handles the technical side of the office equipment & also is the liaison to the website. For correspondence in the subject bar just enter their **“first name”** i.e. Jo, Mel, Tom or Howard.

Last, but not least, if you need to send an e-mail for the newsletter, address it in the subject bar **“Newsletter”**. This is limited to chapter correspondence & Executive Boards Members at the present time.

Another improvement is the ability for a retiree who has not joined RUAEA to download an application from the website. Then they can mail it to the office via the U.S. Postal Service, naturally with their check. It has been requested that you need to **include your file number on your checks** also. This is just a more expedient way for a new member to join our organization without the need to send a letter to our office, we send them their request, they mail the whole thing back again & get the same result. So if you know of any retirees who aren't members, let them read this, also encourage them to join RUAEA.

Our secretaries have been instructed, that if they receive anything other than the above-mentioned subject(s), they are to consider them SPAM & delete them immediately. We are going to start off slowly with accepting e-mails. After a few

months we will re-evaluate our process and adjust it accordingly.

Our e-mail address is ruaea@aol.com.

The staff at DEN thanks you for your help & encourages you to use this new service.

Howard Tress
Co-Office Manager

Financial tips & news from your credit union

Spotlight on IRAs

Update IRA Beneficiaries -- Ensure funds go where you intend.

If you've updated beneficiaries for your Alliant Credit Union savings or checking account, that doesn't necessarily mean your IRA (individual retirement account) beneficiaries are up-to-date. Specific beneficiary forms are required for changes to your Roth & Traditional IRAs. You can access & print these forms from the Alliant website at www.alliantcreditunion.org under the Applications & Forms, IRA Forms section. Or, you can call our TeleCenter at 800-328-1935 to have a form sent to you by mail. If you have not reviewed your IRA beneficiaries for some time, you may want to verify that these designations are current.

Open a Coverdell Education Savings Account for Grandchildren

It may be hard to imagine your young grandchild going off to college someday, but with a little foresight, you can help ensure a bright future for your pride and joy. Opening a Coverdell Education Savings Account may be the most important thing you can do for any youngster. Many financial planners agree that a Coverdell account is the single best way to save for school.

The Coverdell account is tax-privileged savings that replaces and improves upon the old Education IRA. The savings set aside in Coverdell accounts, plus the earnings they make, are fully available for qualified school bills & offer tax-free withdrawals to cover education costs such as books, tuition, room & board. They're not just for college kids. The Coverdell could be used at any school, public

or private, for grammar school & high school.

Contributions are limited to \$2,000 a year per beneficiary, which amounts to about \$166 a month. Even if you can't contribute the full yearly allowable, consider that an annual contribution earning 2.25% (the credit union's current savings and IRA dividend rate) will grow to \$4,434 in 10 years. In addition, anyone can make contributions to the Coverdell account you open for the child, including the child's parents, aunts & uncles, or family friends. Contributions make great birthday or holiday gifts that last a lifetime.

For more information, visit the credit union's website at www.alliantcreditunion.org, stop by your local Service Center, or call us at 800-328-1935 or TDD/TTY 773-462-2300 (Mon.-Fri., 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Central Time).

POSSIBLE NEW RUAEA CHAPTER

Ray Brabo, retired from Indianapolis, IN, Maintenance Base, is working on getting a new RUAEA Chapter started. If UA retirees would be interested in joining or helping Ray, please get in touch with him. Address: 6334 Pergola Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46241. Phone: (317) 487-1997. Ray has received inquiries from retirees in surrounding areas: DAY, CVG, FWA, SBN & places in between. So - why not get together with your former UA co-workers??

SIMPLER WAY TO OBTAIN INTERLINE REDUCED-FARE TICKETS

As a result of the previously announced closure of U.S. City & employee ticket offices, United has an easy way for U.S.-based retirees to purchase their reduced-rate interline tickets. International employees can continue to purchase reduced-fare tickets through their normal channels.

Retirees can call the Interline Pleasure Travel Desk in Reservations, #1-888-874-1581. the line will be open Mon. through Fri from 0700 to 2100 Central time. A reservations sales & service representative will assist with the purchase of reduced-rate interline tickets. This service will

provide pricing information & will send the tickets to the retiree.

This service will simplify the reduced-fare ticketing process and will allow customer service representatives to focus on serving revenue customers. Instead of making multiple trips to the airport for tickets, U.S.-based retirees won't even have to leave home.

Reduced-rate interline tickets can be purchased by credit card or check and can be sent free of charge via U.S. mail, or for a \$15 fee via FedEx. Those requesting tickets should allow 5 to 7 business days for ticket receipt if paying by credit card & 10 business days if paying by check. As always, retirees should review the SkyNet Travel section to determine which carriers offer reduced-rate travel to United retirees & their eligibles before calling to request a ticket. Retirees also should have their itinerary, names of persons traveling, dates of travel & their file numbers ready before they call.

Retirees also can e-mail their interline reduced-fare requests to interlinepleasuretv@united.com with this same information.

In the event of last-minute travel plans, reduced-fare interline tickets can be requested by phone & picked up at the airport. Retirees should call the Interline Pleasure Travel Desk to create a passenger name record (PNR) & obtain their record locator number. Upon arrival at the airport, travelers should proceed to the check-in counter, provide the CSR with their record locator numbers to have their tickets printed. A form of payment will be required at that time.

The new ticketing service is available only for the purchase of reduced-fare tickets on other airlines. For space-available travel, retirees should continue to use Weblist for the VRU system at 1-800-UAL-LIST to make United or United Express pass travel listings for themselves or to list companions on United.

Unused reduced-fare tickets can be refunded by United's Refund Department at United Airlines, Passenger Refunds-WHQAK, P.O. Box 66282, Chicago, IL 60666.

More information on this service for obtaining reduced-fare interline tickets is available on SkyNet. From the home page main menu, select "Travel", then click on "Interline Travel Benefits".

UNITED LAUNCHES NEW INTERNATIONAL ROUTES

United will launch 3 major new international routes. New flights include daily nonstop service between Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) & Osaka, Japan (KIX), also between Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) & Zurich, Switzerland, (ZRH), effective June 10, 2004. By the end of Oct. United will also add daily nonstop service from Chicago (ORD) to Buenos Aires (EZE).

Flights between Chicago & Osaka will be with Boeing 777 aircraft. Flights between Chicago & Buenos Aires and between Dulles & Zurich will be with Boeing 767 aircraft.

COMPANION FARES DECREASE FOR 90 FLIGHT SEGMENTS & \$25 MINIMUM RETURNS

Effective 2/1/04 United changed the companion ticket program in two ways. Companion ticket fares will decrease for 90 flight segments. The \$25 minimum fee was reinstated. The fare reduction is due to changes in pricing that allow Revenue Management to use a broader range of fares. In addition, international companion fares now will be based on the lowest unrestricted round-trip FBC instead on the lowest unrestricted one-way FBC.

On average, 74 U.S. flight segments will decrease their companion fee by \$25 & 16 international-segment fares will drop \$58. Examples of one-way fare changes include SFO-NY from \$113 to \$56, CHI-PHX from \$85 to \$60, and DCA-Amsterdam from \$199 to \$123. Taxes & fees will continue to be charged in addition to the base companion fare.

Know your Officers/Directors/Staff

Howard Tress, RUAEA Co-Office Manager, was employed by United Airlines 4/18/66 as a Ramp Serviceman in Baltimore, MD and retired 5/1/00 as Supervisor of Maintenance Training (DENED) in Denver. He received an Award of Merit plus several suggestion awards. In addition to being Co-Office Manager, he is RUAEA's computer expert plus being the person who is the main contact with Spectrum, the company handling RUAEA's website.

Howard & his wife, Audrey "Terry" volunteer for United Airlines Historical Foundation. Travel (what else) is his main leisure activity. Four daughters & six grandchildren round out his wonderful family.

Welcome aboard, Howard - we are very happy to have you as a member of the Denver staff.

TRIBUTE TO DUANE HEIDEGGER

Duane Heidegger passed away suddenly on Jan. 29, sitting in his favorite chair watching college basketball on TV. Not a bad way to go, but shocking to those of us left behind.,

Duane spent his entire career of 38 years at United in Customer Service at PDX where he was Pres. of the Management Club. Upon retiring in 1993, he joined RUAEA & was a member of Dewers Chapter. He chaired the PDX Convention in 1996. Duane served as National Director for the Northwest Region for 2 years, was V.P. Conventions, overseeing the SFO, PHL & DEN Conventions, also served on the Site Selection Committee from 2002-2003. He was a tireless worker & a staunch supporter of both UAL & RUAEA.

He loved golf, bridge, & mahjongg, in that order, Eggs Benedict & Maine lobster were also high on his list. He was proud of his family - wife, Barbara, 2 married sons & 6 grandchildren. He will be sorely missed by all.

Submitted by Nancy Hooper

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS: Chapter reports for April are due in DEN by Fri., March 5, May reports by 4/6, June reports by 5/6. Reports may be sent by FAX. FAX number is 303-780-5667 - Attention: Jo Madden. Please list name of chapter at top of every page. If sent by U.S. Mail, please address to Jo Madden, RUAEA Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delays - we cannot extend deadlines.

Special Notice: During the RUAEA Convention in SEA, Chapter Correspondents Breakfast will be held on Fri, May 28, 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the Cascade #9 Room. All correspondents are invited to attend this event. If the regular correspondent

cannot attend, please appoint an alternate. Another report will be in the April Newsletter to ask for a definite RSVP. Plan to attend. See you there!

Jo Madden
Newsletter Editor

LOCAL NEWS

ARIZONA



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The Jan. luncheon was great! Thanks to the Briarwood Country Club for the delicious lunch. The entertainment was great with the auction of white elephants. Dick Aaronson was our auctioneer again this year; when Dick has the mike, nothing is safe. He went a bit far when he tried to sell the country club's centerpieces & tray table. Some of the things were hilarious; I am sure they will be back for next year's event. The club raised \$355; that is not bad considering there were 49 people attending. George Click helped Dick by being the straight man & collecting the money. Thanks, Dick & George for a job well done.

Several days after the luncheon Joan Aaronson had an accident. She fell while carrying a heavy box, landed on her arm, shattered her elbow & wrist. She currently is carrying around an erector set that has been implanted in her arm during surgery. Joan is having a rough time so take some time to call or write her. Good luck, Joan, we will keep you in our prayers.

Just got word that Dennis Dergan's father passed away. Keep the family in your prayers also. Our deepest sympathy to all.

Joan & Phillip DeBras just celebrated their 40th anniversary by taking their children on a cruise to the Western Caribbean; in turn their children gave them a weekend honeymoon at the Arizona Biltmore.

Ed & Maria Bobkirk informed me that they celebrated their 1st wedding anniversary and they still had that glow to them.

Welcome to new members: Pat & L.B. Neal who moved to our area from ORD. George & Vivian Klick are very proud of their grandson Joel who plays Dominick on the show, "Yes, Dear" on Mon. night on CBS. This is his 4th season playing the role.

The Azures are very disappointed in UAL's pending action to increase the cost & lower benefits for its most senior contributors to its many years of being one of the top airlines in the world. Our Pres., Bob Lutzinger, has indicated that he would like to assist on a committee regarding this action. We truly believe that RUAEA should be taking some action on this subject. Also attending the luncheon as a guest of Don Toeppen was Mary Tobias. The Hofers were there just 3 days after they moved into an assisted living home. Birthday wishes for March go to Bob Gordon, Jack Quick, Bob Lutzinger, Pat Butkiewicz, Tuffet Sharp & Mel Hofer. Our best wishes to all.

Calendar

Mar. 2 - Breakfast at Coco's

Mar. 16 - Breakfast at Coco's

Mar. 18 - All Arizona Luncheon in Casa Grande

Apr. 3 - "Grill Your Own" luncheon at Luke Air Force Base

PHOENIX METRO

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The Jan. luncheon had 62 happy & healthy attendees. We all partook of a bountiful & tasty buffet at the Sun Lakes One clubhouse. Blessing was led by Jim Fauber. After lunch, Jim spoke about his meeting with Tilton & UAL emerging from bankruptcy in June, 2004. He also spoke a little about TED & the restructuring of aircraft financing. Also said he heard rumors about a change of paint on the aircraft. He then talked about the Historical Foundation becoming an association. Jim has 5 months left on his term as RUAEA president, which has demanded a lot of 60-hour work weeks, but feels all the effort has been worth it. RUAEA has a much better communication with

United. So much so, RUAEA has appointed Ed Tolle as a liaison to take the concerns of retirees to UAL. Tilton will be at the SEA convention...so for all you who have concerns, particularly pension & health benefits, YOU should attend & partake of the question & answer period.

Jim was in DEN in Jan. & the membership people were elated as they had just received 3 new computers. Members will still receive a paper copy of the newsletter until all of the bugs are worked out of the computer newsletter. Target date is April 1, 2004. The cost to print the newsletters is exorbitant; the e-mail version will cost much less. Denver now has a co-manager, Howard Tress, to help with the data entry & the website for e-mails.

On a sad note, please see Jim Fauber's letter regarding Al Haynes. Also, for those of you who may not have heard, a dear friend of a lot of UA people, passed away. Walter "Red" Doris of DEN, 12/28/04.

The SEA convention is not that far off; I urge as many retirees as possible to attend to show Tilton we are a "united" group and do not particularly care for the way we are being treated. Also, for the fun side of the convention, there will be a Concorde on static display. Also, Clay Lacy will be bringing in the "Mary O'Connor", his DC3 aircraft. The plan is, there will be 12 metal replicas & rides in the Mary O'Connor to be auctioned off. Sounds like great fun. AND, THERE will be a cocktail hour EVERY night of the convention to gather & greet all our old friends from the past!

Ed & Loretta Dawes are moving again! We do not have their new address, but they are moving from Kona to Hilo. As soon as we have the new address we will pass it on.

Carol & Skip Ward took in enough 50/50 money that we had 3 winners this meeting. First place was Fred Rockenhauser...2nd place Carolyn Kraft & 3rd place, Jim Zarek...We all love you Jim, but every time you show up at a luncheon you win...what's up with that???

Don't forget to circle March 18 on your calendars. That's the All Arizona Luncheon in Casa Grande. Lotsa fun, good food & seeing all the "winter" visitors that come to the Southwest to enjoy our great weather!!



TALL PINES

Ann Tomasic
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Prescott Tall Pines met for our first luncheon/meeting for the new year on Jan. 27 at Coco's. Most of us have not seen each other for a while due to the holiday season; it was good getting together. We were all happy to see Alice Rowe back in the fold after her recent surgery - we wish her good health for the rest of 2004!

We discussed an invitation received from Donna Kuehn of the Tucson Roadrunners in regard to the All Arizona Luncheon on March 18 in Casa Grande. We hope that some of our members will be able to attend.

A few of our members joined a Triple A tour to LAX to attend the Rose Parade, also several other attractions in the LAX area. These couples were known as the "Rowdy Bunch" alias the Risdons, Stouts & Tomasics. All I can say is that a good time was had by all. Also, traveling were Chuck McCoy & wife, Lynn to attend the celebration of the 100th year of flight at Kitty Hawk, NC.

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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There were 50 Roadrunners & guests in attendance at our luncheon at the Viscount Hotel on Jan. 15.

Our chapter continues to grow with the addition of new members Elaine & Jim Fehlman, Cynthia Thompson & Linda Ottoboni being added to our roster.

It saddens us to report the death of Otto Senft. Otto passed away Jan. 30, 2004 while undergoing surgery for a broken hip. He & his wife Mary have been residents of Green Valley, AZ.

It is with great sorrow we report the death of Dorothy Boyd, wife of Jim. Dorothy suffered a heart attack & drowned while snorkeling in Tahiti. Condolences can be sent to Jim Boyd, 1721 W.

Placita Caracol, Tucson, AZ 85737. Jim's phone - #1-520-742-1626

Calendar

Mar. 18 - The All Arizona Luncheon at The Property in Casa Grande

Apr. 15 - The Rodeo Museum & lunch

ARKANSAS



"THE NATURALS"

Report submitted by:

Diana M. Huffman

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I am writing our report for our Pres., Ken Skare, as he was unable to attend our annual Christmas dinner party due to recent chemo treatments. Kenny, we missed you very much; our prayers are with you.

We were happy to see Peggy Hoffman & her husband, Mac, as Peggy has completed her chemo treatments; our prayers are with her & Mac.

We collected \$204 for our adopted family. This year our family consisted of 5 children & 2 adults. It is a wonderful feeling to know that we are able to help a family in need during this holiday season. Thank you for your generosity.

We are happy to announce 2 new members - Wayne & Lee McGraw have joined our group. Wayne recently retired from DENCS. Welcome Wayne & Lee.

Joe McLean, husband of June O'Donnell-McLean passed away on Dec. 14. We send June & Joe's family our condolences.

Jim & Diana Huffman will sponsored the Feb. meeting.

CALIFORNIA

Pismo Beach

CENTRAL COASTERS

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Jack & Eleanor

Cunningham (805) 967-6478, will host the April 21 luncheon in the Santa Barbara area. Details will be

in flyer.

For chapter info, contact Pres. Al Rybar (805) 595-2532

Calendar

Jun. 16 - Luncheon, TBA



BRAZEN RAISINS-FRESNO

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John & Peggy Oakshott hosted the Brazen Raisins' Jan. 2004 meeting. Francine & Andy Anderson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 13, 2003; photos of their party were passed around as well as photos of the Brazen Raisins' Christmas party. Pres. Gil Gilbert gave a talk about the Fresno Dixieland Society. There was another discussion of retirees' flight passes. The traditional joke period was fulfilled by Don Nessling, Bob Frost, Francine Anderson & John Oakshott.

Palm Springs Area

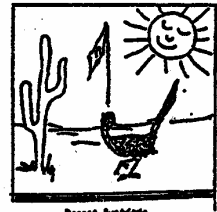
DESERT SUNBIRDS

Miriam (Ozzie) Osgood

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We had a small turnout (21) at our Jan. 14 luncheon. Dan Rubin, friend of Roberta Craig & Terry Kellerhals, daughter of Fred & Jan were guests. A lot of our members were "under the weather". Miriam Osgood was recovering from pneumonia, Loraine Lantz wasn't feeling well, Barbara Rowe had to take a neighbor to a hospital, Sandy Sereno had eye surgery that day, Bill & Ruth Dixon had to cancel as they weren't feeling well, Tom Tischler has blood clot in his leg where he had surgery, is on coumadin & has to keep his leg elevated. Merle Pool is still in IL recuperating from his fall.

The chapter agreed to contribute \$100 of treasury funds to the foundation for Capt. Haynes to provide bone marrow transplant for his daughter. Proceeds from the 50/50 were donated to that cause. George Lantz added to that part.

Mary Frank was celebrating her 80th birthday & won the free birthday lunch. Dan Rubin was the 50/50 winner.

Calendar

Mar. 10 - will be sponsored by the Kellerhals

Apr. - will probably be a Ramona Pageant Performance but no date has been set yet.

May 12 - will be sponsored by Joyce Bossio



SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The Jan. meeting of the Sacramento Gold Diggers was held at The Luau Garden Restaurant in Rancho Cordova. Hosts were Glenn & Alice McPeak. There was an oriental theme and food to celebrate Chinese New Year.

There were 110 Gold Diggers present & 13 guests. Bob & Margot Sample were guests of Thom & Sherry Biro; Doris Mendes was guest of Harold & Colleen Esola; Heinz & Alberta Leonhardt were guests of Glenn & Alice McPeak; James Spears was guest of Gloria Trotter; Hazel Godager was guest of Ed Pagel; Loyal & Linda Brummet were guests of Rod & Ruby Jackson; and Alan Amara was guest of Joe Lima. Ray & Rosalie Ward came as guests of Dan & Roberta Ouichi and left as new members.

Kelly Koom, an Administrative Services Officer for the Sacramento County Airport System came to ask if members of our chapter might be interested in volunteering at the Information Booths that are in both terminals at SMF. The booths are staffed every day from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to make visitors feel comfortable and to answer questions. She described the duties of the volunteers, how they are trained, and some of the perks. A number of Gold Diggers expressed interest and took brochures & applications.

Ron introduced new members: Charles & Martha Szekretar; both are retirees as are Raymond & Rosalie Ward. They gave short descriptions of their time at United.

Sad news that two members died in Jan.: Jo Anne Lamphiere, wife of Ed Lamphiere & Nan

Muir, wife of John Muir. Our sympathy is with the families.

Francis Domaratius was highlighted in the Sacramento Bee Newspaper as, what they call a Renaissance man, who did radio and electrical work on commercial aircraft and works in fine arts.

V.P.s Harold & Colleen Esola said we still need hosts for Oct. 2004 & Jan. 2005.

Treas., Judie King, said we are doing well financially, but to remember that dues had to be paid by the end of Feb. to be listed in the roster.

Sunshine Chairmen, Francis & Veronica Domaratius said that Get Well Cards were sent to Wayne Howey after his surgery, to Dorothy Stroud after a fall, to Fred Verbaere who fell off a ladder and fractured his ankle. They sent sympathy cards to Chuck & Tuffet Sharp whose grandson was killed in a car accident, to Ed Lalmphiere whose wife, Jo Anne died; also to John Muir whose wife Nan died.

REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES

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The Jan. meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held on Jan. 8 at La Strada in Santa Rosa. The restaurant has recently been remodeled; the members were pleased with the results. We all thanked the efforts of hosts Naomi Tolf, Phyl MacDonald and Co-hosts Matt & Norma Stilman. There were 45 members & guests present on this rather dull, overcast day but the dreary weather did not dampen the spirit of the group.

Pres. Ron Huhn called for a moment of silence to honor the recent passing of Donaldeen Cadden. Patrick Cadden addressed the group, thanked us for all the support he received at Donaldeen's passing. He recalled the way his & Donaldeen's lives had intertwined and how they had finally gotten together after 50 years of knowing each other. Patrick thanked the group for the gifts presented to him & Donaldeen for his term as Pres.

V.P. Naomi Tolf welcomed the guests. They were Prudy Wilcox, guest of Ted Bell and Janice & George Kramm, guests of Ron & Joanne Huhn. We are in dire need of members to host our meetings.

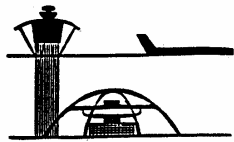
Naomi reminded us that the Aug. & Dec. meetings are covered but the rest of the year is not. Please contact Naomi for details on when you might host a meeting.

THE MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE.

Sunshine Lady: Verda did her part to impart some sunshine this day. She succeeded, as usual. There were 18 birthdays for Jan. (Maybe there is something about those May flowers.) Matt Stilman was the winner of the lunch. There were 5 anniversaries for a total of 196 years. We sang Congratulations to all. Cards have been sent to Patrick Cadden for Donaldean, to Linda Sather for her eye problem & to Howard Zumsteg. Eugene Eggert has suffered a stroke, but thankfully, there have been no adverse side effects. Hiroko Robbins has had a stroke & is in Memorial Hospital.

The fees for Armstrong Redwoods are going up. For our Aug. BBQ you might consider car pooling from the outside lot to reduce the parking fee. More on this later.

Thought for the day: *Walk in someone else's shoes and yours will seem more comfortable.*



ReLAXers - Los Angeles

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I have received some phone calls from retirees who have joined RUAEA - the national retirees, but haven't connected yet with a local group. These chapters are for all retirees of all departments. The benefits of belonging to RUAEA are already known to you, otherwise you wouldn't belong! But there are benefits to also joining the local group which cannot be accomplished through RUAEA. You need to let me know & I will mail/e-mail you a ReLAXers chapter membership form; then you will receive the local information which can be quite helpful at times. Belonging & attending meetings is a great way to keep up with UAL friends, also to make new friends. It is a way to discover parts of the city, area, or section of the country through tours & tales of fellow members. Retirees from all departments & locations are welcome to join. Dues are \$5 a year.

This month I heard through ReLAXers contacts

a few tidbits about members: Bernadette Carroll is still in a recovery center recovering from very serious cancer surgery. She will be happy to get cards, notes or calls at 276-96 N. Camino Real, Oceanside, CA (Zip?) or at Pleasant Care Center, Room 106B, Vista, CA 92084. Call her, #760-631-3542.

Sandy Ortiz is still trying to get her knee back to near normal. After her replacement surgery, she developed an infection, is under very aggressive antibiotic treatment. When the infection is completely gone, will have to have the surgery re-done. Good luck, Sandy (who is at 25202 Andreo Av., Lomita, CA 90717).

We hope to see Mitch & Mary Louise Mitchell at the next luncheon - they missed the Queen Mary party due to very bad flu.

Jackie Hills & Marion Barnett are the only travelin' members I've heard from about their trips - they're on another of their terrific cruises. Other world travelers Lu Friel, former ReLAXer, & Janet Carney now residents of LAS (Henderson) ventured all the way across the desert to the San Fernando Valley to get their hair cut. They also managed to pay for the trip by picking up two cases of "Two-Buck Chuck" at a California Trader Joes location - saved \$24 by buying it here rather than in CA. (What?? You don't know what Two Buck Chuck is? Visit a Trader Joe's or ask any Californian who shops there to find out about this very fun way to spend money.)

Mark your calendar - send money. Great tour to Palm Springs featuring seeing the Fabulous Follies. It's a must if you haven't seen this show, another must if you have a/c it's a fun trip to repeat. April 8-9 with 3 bus pickup points in the L.A. area.

Calendar

Apr. 8-9 - PSP tour

Apr. 15 - Luncheon meeting

Jun. 10 - Luncheon

ReSans

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Planning is in the mill to hold a joint picnic

with ReSans & the Clipped Wings. This will be a potluck picnic in July or Aug. We hope to be able to enjoy this in a nice spot on Mission Bay. More information will follow.

Contact Bill Lindsay for information on the Lindbergh Alumni Group which meets on the first Thurs. of every month.

CONGRATULATIONS: We extend our very best congratulations to Bob & Marian Owens who celebrated 60 wonderful years of wedded bliss on Feb. 6, 2004. We wish all of the best to two very lovely people.

SYMPATHY: We are saddened by the passing of Marshall Gebert on Jan. 11, 2004. Memorial services were held at the 1st Congregational Church of Escondido. Our sympathy to Marshall's family.

We are finalizing plans for the April tour of Ireland. This will be a beautiful tour of a country of friendly people plus gorgeous scenery. Anyone who would still like to join us may give me a quick call.

Calendar

Apr. - Spring Fling at Reuben's on San Diego Bay

Jul. or Aug. - Potluck Picnic on Mission Bay with ReSans & Clipped Wings

Oct. - Halloween Party at Fireside Restaurant in Escondido

1st Thurs. of month - Lindbergh Alumni Groups - Contact Bill Lindsay



UNITED AIRLINES RETIREEES-SFO Area

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Pres. Walt Bartkowiak, called the Jan. meeting to order & wished everyone a Happy New Year. Membership secretary, Carol Walter, introduced our visitor William Heinrich & the new members: Gil Ricarte, Vernon Niebuhr, Betty Garner, John & Elenice Marques, Sharon Schweizer, Marie Huemoeller, Glen & Earl Powell, Paul Larsen & Ardell Furuta. Helen Cain made special nametags to help everyone recognize our new members. Since we are such a large group, new people sometimes get lost in the crowd. Our total count for

the Jan. meeting was 166.

Sadly, we lost two of our members recently. Joe Noah passed away in Nov. Condolences can be sent to his wife, Gloria at 2606 Leeward St., Hayward, CA 94545. Otto "Andy" Anderson passed away Jan. 12 at the age of 86. Cards can be sent to the family at 2631 Isabelle Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403. I sent a card to Virginia Schmidt who was in the hospital for 6 days; I am happy to report that she is now back home.

Pres. Walt Bartkowiak announced that we need 3 volunteers for the nominating committee, also someone to keep the by-laws up to date. The reason for this is that Past Presidents Francis (Rosie) Rosenthal & Zelma Kibler-Rosenthal are moving to Las Vegas. Walt thanked them for the many years of service that they have given to our group. We wish them much happiness in their new home but we will miss them.

Western Division Director, Ginger Dahlberg, passed around copies of Jim Fauber's e-mail concerning retiree health insurance. It included a hotline toll free number 1-866-825-4101 that has been set up to answer questions. The hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m Central Time.

At our March meeting, instead of our usual potluck, kitchen coordinator Vera Kina arranged for us to have a catered Chinese Buffet. We will be celebrating Chinese New Years a little late but it should be fun with good food. Tickets will be \$5.00.

Our program for today (1/26) was Carol Tyler who is a psychologist & a musician. She counsels & works with support groups, but to balance her life she plays the violin, also takes singing lessons. She called her program "It's a Wonderful Musical World". Next month we will have Michael Martell, the Great Pretender.

Travel info: Ginger Dahlberg has a French Barge trip planned on July 19, also an Atlantic Coast & Canada trip Oct. 3 -12. For more information on these trips & other trips being planned contact Ginger at 650-345-5548 or e-mail gingersfo@aol.com

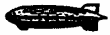
Calendar

Singles Club: 1st Mon. ea. mo., Crystal Springs United Methodist Church, 2145 Bunker Hill Dr., San Mateo, CA. Pres. Ellen Pearce, 650-593-7328.

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Mon. ea. mo., business meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Wm. Walker

Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404

SFO/SJC



SOUTH BAY RETIREES

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA
SFO/SJC SOUTH BAY

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Our first breakfast of the New Year was on Jan.2. Meeting was called to order by new Pres., Bill Copley, with 34 in attendance. He introduced his new Board: V.P., Alex Kaus; Sec'y, Lois Rodrigues; Treas., Gerry Frisch, Sunshine Lady, Wilma Sandy.

Past Pres., George Sousa, thanked the 2003 Board members: V.P., Bill Copley; Sec'y, Marian Swanson; Treas., Gerry Frisch & Sunshine Lady, Wilma Sandy. He also thanked Lee Ferrell, Elaine & Vic. Kristen for their help throughout the year; Marion Gaevert & LaDonna Eggert for doing the bus trips, plus the members who hosted the luncheons in 2003. It was a very good year. Just think, we have 10 brand new months to PLAY & make the most of. Our 2nd breakfast of 2004 attendance increased to 51. Almost everyone is back from holiday trips with lots of good stuff to talk about.

GOOD NEWS TO REPORT: Both our friends, Gene Eggert & Ruby Starkovich are home from the hospital - HURRAY - doing well. We look forward to seeing both of you soon. Bert Swanson was at our 2nd breakfast. He appreciated all the cards sent to him over the holidays. He still has a way to go; our best wishes to him.

WELCOME BACK: Gene Eggart. He's doing well & thanks everyone for the calls & cards.

Good to see Bill/Rosemarie Reichard at breakfast; Marion Gaevert is back with us after a pulled shoulder. Our good wishes to Pete Bilsich - watch those falls Pete - can be really hard on the nose. Hurry back, we're saving your place. Jose Camacho is back from Costa Rica with lots of great plans for us to join him on a week tour in Costa Rica. The tour will start on May 1 & end on May 6. Jose will have fliers out soon.

MORE GOOD NEWS TO REPORT: Harry Willever & the Venturas are doing well. They say

"hello" to everyone. Look forward to seeing you at breakfast where there is good food, great company, "pretty good jokes", & usually some update with what's happening at United Airlines.

Calendar

Mar 23 - Spring Luncheon, hosted by Wilma/Garver Sandy. Luncheon will be at China Stix, Santa Clara, price \$12

Jun. 8 - Annual picnic, same place as last lyear, Vacona Park, Los Gatos. Tony Urso is working out final details & will keep us updated as plans finalize. If you want to bring friends & family, they are always welcomed.

Weekly breakfast meeting each Fri. morning at Holder's Country Inn, 998 De Anza Blvd., San Jose, CA at 7:30, meeting at 8:25 a.m. For more info: Contact Pres. Bill Copley, 408-725-8420.

SAN JOAQUINERS

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SAN JOAQUINERS

Our chapter started off on a good beginning after a super Christmas party hosted by Guy & Nancy Hoffman at the east Sonora Conference Center. The meeting was held in spite of heavy snow higher up the mountain causing some cancellations. The Christmas spirit was much in evidence, especially a Santa hat worn by Guy. I hope to get this report to DEN faster; in fact, my New Year's Resolution is to get the report in as quickly as possible!

Pres. Harm says "Thank You" for a wonderful year from a super United bunch, also noted that all months were taken for hosting.

A special tribute was given to those celebrating 50 years & over marriages

Among those on the "sick call" was Charlie Passarelli recuperating from neck surgery. Hoping to attend our next meeting Beverly Hudgin also recuperating from neck surgery as is Joe Silva. Fred Verbaere suffering from a "ladder" accident which left him with a compound fracture of his left ankle. Interesting enough this ankle will match up with his right one suffered 10 years ago. Bill suggested you take up "ground work", Fred. All best wishes!

Ray says "Hope you all have made your New

Years Resolutions, which means have something to do this year - maybe "breaking them". Also hopes Guy will get back to his sheet "This and That".

Luncheon was held at the Peppery, Sonora, Hoffmans & Gemberlings hosts. Pres. Ray Harm introduced new members Ron & Patty McDuffee and Ben & Karen Yattes.

Business at hand: discussed & voted on to purchase a new sound system, cost \$129.00.

Treas. reported that we are in fair financial condition. No big deal, but not to worry. George Gemberling reminded us the membership dues are due!

Birthdays & anniversaries were observed. We thanked the Peppery for a job well done - as usual.

Thank you letters were read from recipients of our charitable donations.

News is that former member Dick Mull has passed on.

Submitted by Ray Harm:

We meet 2nd Thurs. of each month at different locations around the beautiful Mother Lode & vast San Joaquin Valley. Love to have you join us for lunch, just call our correspondent, Ruth Dixon, 209-586-5352, SFO-MM/FE (rumor has it Bill's seniority is in the 1930s!) or V.P. Guy & Nancy Hoffman, SFO-MM/IQ at 209-588-0704; they can direct you to that month's meeting. Like older & wiser folks everywhere we are concerned about "What Concerns United"; we get a lot from the RUAEA Newsletter but also from the comradeship of meeting & sharing with each other each month. Come & check us out, food is good also.

Feb.'s meeting was hosted by Bernard (Skip) & Betty Sonderman, SFOMM; March's meeting by Don & Joanne Nesja, SFO-SH/LX. Our meeting in May is scheduled at Castle AFB near Merced, where as Feb. was at historic "Columbia" a Historic State Park, so we do get around the area.



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The El Diablos of the East Bay held their Jan.

meeting on the 12th...43 members & guests attended! We keep growing & growing.

We welcomed some new faces: Dick & Yuki Abe from SFORR, John Wright from SFOPD, and Bill & Carolyn Gill from OAKPK/SFOPK.

It was good to see the return of Ed Bingle, Rich & George Gouska, Marion & Marie Klosinski, Lynne Inman-Hoffert, and Dick & Marilyn Sperling.

Heard a great tip for those in the Bay Area regarding parking at SFO. "Park SFO" is located just north of the MOC. It charges \$6.75 for 24 hours. I spoke to the Manager; she assured me that all retirees need to do is show their travel card with matching picture ID. For active employees, their ID photo badges will do. The shuttles run 5 to 7 minutes apart - freeway route (no access road). The frequency is a little further apart late at night. Phone is (650) 871-5423. Great for those early trips on the weekends before BART starts. Speaking of BART, effective 2/1/04, all trains on the Pittsburg/Baypoint route will not need to transfer to get to SFO! Don't forget to buy a senior discount ticket - great savings!

We meet the 2nd Mon. of each month at the Baker's Square restaurant on Willow Pass Road in Concord, usually last until 1:00 of 1:30. No reservations required - just come.

Calendar

2004 Meeting Dates:

Mar. 8, Apr. 12, May 10

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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The mailing session welcomed RUAEA's Executive V.P., Marlin Lade & wife Marilyn, as helpers. Elizabeth Hierzer's daughter Donna was a guest.

Bill O'Hagan recently had surgery, is now at home recovering very well. Address: 8640 W. 69th Pl., Arvada, CO 80004.

Jim Flannagan's wife, Jean, fell - broke her hip, which required surgery. Address: 1390 Dahlia St.,

Denver, CO 80220.

Dean Moberg had surgery recently - now recuperating at home - 13743 E. Marina Dr., #B, Aurora, CA 80014-3776. All of these members could use some cheering up notes.

Our sympathy is extended to Bernie McLeran as his brother, James, died 1/22/04. Bernie's address: 7309 W. Hampden Av., #5701, Lakewood, CO 80227.

Did you know?? RR & CS retirees have a monthly breakfast the first Mon. of each month? For those North - I-25 & 120th, Village Inn on odd months - (Jan., Mar., May, Jul., Sept., Nov.); for those South - Hampden & Parker - Egg-Ception , 8:30 a.m. on even months (Feb., Apr., Jun., Aug., Oct., Dec.) Join us - no reservations required. (Stay connected with your UAL friends/co-workers.)

Only 28 retirees braved the snowstorm to attend the 2/4 Mile Highers breakfast. Robert Roebuck joined us for the first time, also joined RUAEA. Bill Sprague, who recently relocated to the Chicago area, was in town & also joined us. Bob Schmelzen, Charles Hassler, Lynes Allen & Don Simon returned their 50/50 winnings to the stamp fund.

Congratulations to Diane & Roy Graham on their 50th wedding anniversary 2/26/04.

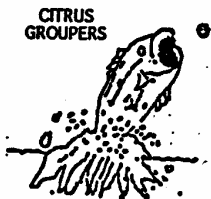
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Breakfast 1st Wed. ea. mo., 8:00 a.m., Aurora Elks Club, 11759 E. 14th Av., Aurora, CO. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, #303-696-7001.

FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPERS

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On Jan. 22, the Citrus Groupers met at Sunny's Bar-B-Q in Inverness, with 26 members & guests present. We talked about goings-on at UAL and how it may affect us.

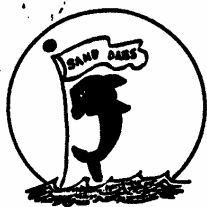
Ralph Nardone reported that he was appointed Chairman of Scholarships of the Marines Corps League. Ella returned from Massachusetts, where they had 36 inches of snow, which made her reflect on how much we complain when our temperature

goes down to 35 degrees some mornings!

On a more somber note, Joseph Veracka, who was a member of our group until he moved to Smyrna Beach a short time ago, passed away. He was a friend to all of us & will be missed.

Calendar

Mar. 25 - meeting, 11:30 a.m., at the International Super Buffet, 2259 N. Citrus Blvd. (Hwy 27), next to Wal-Mart, in Leesburg.



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SAND "DABS"
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Pres. Dick Coughlin welcomed everyone back for our first meeting of 2004 with 14 Sand "DABS" gathered at the Red Lobster...what is happening to our group? We seem to be shrinking! We welcomed Bud & Karen Gammill back for the winter in FL from WI and Rick & Marion Johnson back from their 51-day cruise. Ed Watson is visiting his daughter in Raleigh, NC & Martha Prihs was off to "Philly" to be with grandkids. (Only the pull of grandkids can get us Floridians up north in such cold, snowy weather.) Nina Ritt's husband is due to have his toe amputated. Dick Coughlin is celebrating his company anniversary of 37 years. Bill Oliver was away on a cruise so he missed out on receiving the coveted Sand "DABS" award for perfect attendance in 2003. We'll relent & give it to him next month. Ann Johnson is doing really great, recovering well from her knee surgery, now finished with her therapy. Our Prez Dick was just installed Jan. 3 as Rear Commodore at the Halifax River Yacht Club.

Treas. Frieda Coughlin reported she received thank you notes from 2 of the places we contributed to for Christmas: Hospice & Shriner's Hospital. Prez Dick gave us an update on the company & mentioned that a program "Airline Reality" would be on TV Mon. at 9:00 p.m. At Joke Time he had a good long list entitled "You Might Be An Aircraft Mechanic If..." Some were very funny.

Marion Johnson gave a very interesting synopsis of their 51-day cruise on Holland America Lines & the highlights of where they went, where

they stopped, the adventures they had, the interesting things they saw and did. Marion even entertained those aboard ship with her Tahitian "dance". She mentioned everyone was feverishly writing their Christmas cards to they could be postmarked from Christmas Island. We all enjoyed our lunch, catching up on each one's life & activities.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *In a day of illusions and utter confusions upon our delusions we base our conclusions.*

It was sort of a noisy bunch of 25 Sand"DABS" & guests gathered at the Red Lobster on 2/5/04. We welcomed Pete Nichols, Lew Sheakly (whose wife took ill & is in the hospital here), plus our regular snowbirds from Missouri, Tom & Adrienne Kwaitkowski. Many are still traveling. Why they would want to leave sunny FL for the cold north is anybody's guess -- but it's probably the pull of grandkids.

Nelson Funkhouser had a golf date today, complaining that retirement isn't easy -- too many places to go, too many choices to make. The Hortons are celebrating 46 years of wedded bliss this month. Company anniversaries are Bill Russ, 37 years; Larry Horton, 47 years; John Rieck, 50 years. Since Bill Oliver was on a cruise last month & not present at our Jan. meeting he was "awarded" his perfect attendance certificate for 2003. Lots of laughs, lots of fun. Everyone clapped.

At our 50/50 drawing, to his complete surprise, Larry Horton's number was drawn! He said it's the first time he ever won. We also had two other drawings: Frieda Coughlin won a scented gel candle, Rick John won a box of candy. Treas. Frieda Coughlin mentioned "dues" are due. She read a thank you letter from the American Heart Assn. for the memorial we gave them for Martha Watson, also an informative letter from the Moffitt Cancer Center for our Christmas contribution. Steve Moddle gave a report from the Jan. Florida West Coast luncheon in Tampa; the informative speaker Mr. Marlin Lade regarding what is happening at UAL, also Jo Madden, editor of our newsletter spoke. The Moddles had a guest with them. He told about the two-hour cruise they had on Tampa Bay, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Prez Dick brought up to date on whatever UAL information he has, very informative. Everyone is

concerned for our medical/prescription benefits.

With sadness we report the recent death of Joe Veracka on Jan. 18. His service & funeral were held up north in the Boston area. We also have a few members on the sick & recovery list: Bill Russ has been suffering with pain & back problems, is to be operated on; Joan Brandonisio is recovering from a bladder operation. Hopefully all the cancer is gone. Jesse Jernigan has been recovering from flu, also his emphysema has kicked up. He is home from the hospital now & recovering.

V.P. Steve Moddle will take over our March 4 meeting as the Coughlins will be off for TX to get away from the motorcycle noise of Bike Week. In April/May we may have speakers for those meetings. After our meeting ended, John Rieck was "peddling" oranges from his tree.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: *I know you believe you understand what you think I said but I'm not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant.*

Calendar

Mar. 4 - 11:30, Red Lobster

Apr. 1 - 11:30, Red Lobster

THE ORLANDO REAL McCOYS

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On a perfect day in FL, Pres. Richard Llewellyn opened the meeting at the Golden Corral. Charlotte LeGrand reminded everyone that the \$10 dues for 2004 are due. A note from Betty Davison regarding C.B. was read. He is doing as well as can be expected.

JoAnn Hall is still in the hospital; she had a bad reaction to the pre-chemo medication. Sidney (Marty) Martinson is at the VA Hospital in room 124A, would appreciate calls & visitors. Please remember these members with cards calls & prayers.

We received thanks from The Hospice of the Comforter, also from the Children's Home thanking us for our gifts. Pres. Llewellyn stated that we would be having another collection next month. Please remember to bring your items to be

distributed.

Pres. Llewellyn called for a meeting of The Picnic Committee after the regular meeting. Our picnic will be held April 7.

Our guests were Jean & Pat Lomax, who became new members; Al & Nancy Vershowske; Dan & Marlene Raciak and Judy Kuhn. Birthdays in Feb. were for Joe Corgin, Joanne Levell & Sandra Gonzalez. Anniversaires were for Norma & Bill Butchart (50 years), Marlin & Marilyn Lade, (52 years) and Bill & Mary Ann Kowalewski.

We were privileged to hear a report from Marlin Lade who updated us on insurance, pensions & the continuing negotiations regarding the future of RUAEA & retirees. He encouraged us to attend the SEA convention the end of May where we will vote our convictions.

Calendar

Mar. 13 - David and the Technicolor Dream Coat

Apr. 10 - Winter Park Playhouse - *The Roar of the Greasepaint The Smell of the Crowd.*

Apr. 25-May 1 - 2004 trip to Branson

Fall 2004 - Trip to New England

For more details and tickets contact Stan Halterman, 407-852-6773



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31 Pelican Drop-Ins & 4 guests attended the Jan. 9 luncheon at Sabal Springs Golf & Racquet Club. Ken & Ann Knutson, guests of Mel Volz, Jean King sister & guest of Kathy Lacombe, Bob Manos guest of Bee McCarthy all enjoyed the delightful luncheon. Since Carrie Belluso, Chapter President, was unable to attend the luncheon Terry Gilkison, V.P. presided over the meeting. Our scheduled speaker was unable to attend; Terry asked members to fill the void by recounting memorable experiences during their first year of employment at United. Terry started out with a great story about a crash in 1946, Mel Volz told about the only time he was fearful on a United

flight he was piloting & Kathy Lacombe told of her experience on her first day at work. Sally Sciple told us about a very long layover in OMA.

We had many prizes for the 50/50 raffle. Harry Walton & Jim Stokes also contributed to the selection of prizes. Mel Volz won the 50/50, and very generously donated the entire amount to the Tice Elementary School fund that the Pelican Drop-Ins support.

Congratulations & best wishes to Bee McCarthy and Bob Manos on their engagement.

Carrie Belluso started the Feb. meeting with the singing of "God Bless America." Sally Sciple, our Sunshine Lady, wished Jim Stokes, Jack Clay & Harvey Hallberg "Happy Birthday" for their Feb. birthdays. The tables were beautifully decorated with white tablecloths & shiny red garlands with red hearts. At each place setting was a Valentine chocolate candy bar.

Harry Walton, the Southeast Regional Director, gave a report on the meeting he attended in SEA. He & Arlene stayed at the hotel that will be used as the convention hotel in May. Harry informed us that Mort Wax, Jim Houser & Ed Tolle will represent RUAEA in negotiations about benefits. Harry urged members to please attend the convention. Carrie Belluso discussed the picnic for March 4. Normally our meetings are held the 1st Fri. of the month but because of lent the picnic will be the 1st Thurs. of the month.

Rib Patasini advised all members to call 202-456-1111 about the pension plan & ask the Pres. to sign HR3108 pension reform.

There were 35 members at the luncheon this month. Ms. LaDona Cody, an attorney from Fort Myers who specializes in Wills and Trust, was our featured speaker. She gave an excellent presentation also answered many legal questions from our members.

Rita Sawyer, wife of Buz Sawyer, (ORDTK,) passed away on Jan. 21, 2004. Rita & Buz were long time members of the Pelican Drop-Ins. Condolences may be sent to Buz at 19501 Heritage Oak Blvd, eritage HPort Charlotte, FL. 33948-3117. arry urge e HH appy arvey &

Calendar

1st Fri. of the Month, Luncheon meeting at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May.)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant (June-Sept.)

Mar. 4 Spring Picnic (location to be announced.)

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TAMPA BAY

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Mike Rice opened the meeting at Buddy Freddy's with the Salute to the Flag. 47 were in attendance including several visitors: Pat & June Lomaz, Carol Star, Kerry Rund & Pat Pierce, all from Tampa. There were also several new members attending. These included Wilma Brown, Kirk Watts, Dave & Carolyn Lodge, and Mary Ellen & Tom Pekar.

The minutes were read and amended to show that Harry & Arlene Walton from Ft. Meyers were, in fact, in attendance at the Christmas Luncheon.

Sadie Tuton told us that there were 120 present at the FL West Coast Luncheon. Sadie thanked her volunteer crew, Lillian Sawyer, Jo Taylor, Betty Pilch, Barb Riecse, Mary Martin & Terry Breslin. Sadie stated that all enjoyed listening to & laughing with Jo Madden. Marlin Lade gave a wonderful speech. Sadie further reminded those present that, after serving the club for 9 years putting together this luncheon, she really needs to step down & let another volunteer take up the staff for next year. There were no volunteers, however, if we are to continue the tradition of the West Coast Luncheon, someone needs to come forward soon!arry & AH

Barb Riecse informed the meeting attendees that she & John had recently flown to ABQ, NM to spend a delayed Christmas with one of the children & family. She said that they went via DEN & had first class on all four flights.

Jean Linehan graciously offered to replace Ruth Farley as Historian being that her husband Bill takes most of the pictures anyway.

Mike Rice, Membership Chairman, announced that there were 76 paid members before the meeting. Since the meeting began, 5 more had paid,

bringing the member list to 81.

Terri Breslin reported that Bob Morse had passed away in Jan. Condolences can be addressed to Ann, Bob's wife c/o Diane Morse at 284 Farmbrook Lane, Gaylor, MI. 44735. Terri had also sent a get well card to Olin Nehls who subsequently passed away on Jan 22. She has since sent a card to Shirley. Sympathy cards can be mailed to Shirley at 2661 Rubbins Drive, Howell, MI 48843. Shirley is presently suffering with a lesion in her brain. Terri also told us that Marge Guy had angioplasty. Hank Canfield, former Chapter President in the 80's, loves to get phone calls to talk about the old days. His hearing & eyesight are so bad now that he does not get out much, but, please give him a call.

Bev Alderdice reminded everyone about the Picnic at Anderson Park on April 5. Lunch will be catered & includes barbequed Pork, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw & desserts by Debbie. Please bring your own drink. Members are free, guests are \$5. each. Sign up sheet will be available at the next meeting. There are no walk-ins.

Calendar

Mar. 1 - Monthly meeting at Buddy Freddy's, Hwy 19 in Holiday at 10 a.m.

Apr. 5 - Picnic at Anderson Park, Rt. 19, Tarpon. 10 a.m.



Treasure Coast

TREASURE COAST

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To all of you that work so hard to keep the rest of us informed. Some day I would love to pay y'all a visit & see this operation in person. There were 19 members at our meeting & luncheon.

We have a new member, Diane McCort. She was a flight attendant, retired in 1999. She lives in Vero Beach, FL part time; the rest of the time she resides in New Jersey, which makes her a "Snow Bird". Birthday celebrations, Jan.: Helen Koerber, Feb.: Henry (Hank) Baran, anniversaries, Jan.: Jorge & Clema, 52 years.

Frank Wise coming along, he just has to learn to do & take things at a slower pace. Wally Armstrong is in the hospital in Miami for a

recurrence of a prior illness.

12 of us that went on a 7-day cruise to the Caribbean had a ball, especially in St. Thomas, where the group found out that we all love to shop for jewelry. The weather was a bit cool, we did have a storm for one day, but this time we took the seasick pills & had no problems. In lieu of our March meeting we are going out on a one day gambling cruise out of Cape Canaveral; the next evening to a Groucho Marx how to see a comedian that was one of the entertainers on the ship; he was funny.

We are going to the convention, but we decided not to go to Alaska, so we will cruise in July, unknown at this time. We have decided that we keep our meeting on the first Tues. of the month.

Calendar

Meetings First Tues. of the month, Johnny's Restaurant, 7180 Fed Hwy. US 1 Port St. Lucie, FL 34952-7112, phone 772 878-2686.

THE VILLAGES **AIRLINE RETIREES**

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The Jan. meeting of The Villages Airline Retirees was held at the Saddlebrook Recreational Center on Jan 15, 7:00p.m. There were 30 member in attendance. It seems the flu bug had taken its toll on the membership. The theme for the evening was financial education for retirees. A representative from Sun Capitol Senior Planners offered advice on reducing or eliminating taxes. Getting a better return on your money & putting it in a safer place. Protection from catastrophic illness losses and nursing home seizure of their assets. Taking what you have accumulated & pass that on to your church, charities, or children without taxes or probate. He offered information on annuity accounts that could eliminate income tax on Social Security also eliminate Florida's intangible tax. It was an interesting presentation, everyone had many questions.

The March meeting will have a speaker from the Metro Crime Prevention Group.

Calendar

Meetings are held the 3rd Thurs. of each month at the Saddlebrook complex in the Villages.

GEORGIA

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42 Flyers & 3 guests were present for the meeting at Fire Mountain Buffet & Grill, in Newnan, GA hosted by Richard & Dayne Thompson. The buffet was abundant, with great variety & very good. The dessert bar was immense with enough to make a meal if you wanted to eat dessert first. Remember, life is short!

Our guests were Andy Ryabik, Lowell Stewart, Auiden Sasser & Barbara McIntire, Pres. of the Atlanta Clipped Wings. Andy & Lowell joined our group today. Another new member is Marie Sadlowski from Atlanta. Welcome Aboard, we are happy that you joined us. We had Valentines and Hershey kisses for everyone attending, a large chocolate kiss was given as a door prize to Elmer Koldoff.

Dominating the conversation was the issue of retiree benefits, medical, pension, etc. Discussion was about direction of United & what we need to do to affect our future. Many joined the discussion with ideas for alternate medical insurance & healthcare.

Ron & Marge Heider celebrate 53 years of marriage Feb. 10. Special anniversaries this year, Stan & Marge Cebula - 50 years in April. The next meeting will be hosted by Elmer & Lois Koldoff at Longhorn Steakhouse in Peachtree City, GA. March 3, 12:00 noon. Be sure to watch "Airline" on A&E Mon. nights 10:00 p.m. EST.

HAWAII

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We started off the New Year with a new Pres., Dennis McMahon. The announcement was made at our luncheon that was held on Jan. 16 at Nani Mau Gardens in Hilo, HI. We had 15 members & 1 guest in attendance. Everyone thanked Bob & Ethel McGoldrick for the great job they had done during the past year.

The Pres. advised everyone that he was increasing the dues to \$5.00 per year. We also have changed the luncheons to be held on the 3rd Thurs. of every month. We will still alternate between Hilo & Kona to give everyone the opportunity to try different restaurants.

Bob Pennington & Rose Wilson were our raffle winners. They both took home a beautiful orchid plant.

We are looking for anyone interested in joining our group who has retired to the "Big Island". Please give us a call (808) 966-7886 or e-mail us at djsmiley@ilhawaii.net

Bob Pennington shared some great retirement jokes with the group. Hope to see everyone at our next meeting in Kona, location has not yet been determined.

IDAHO



BOISE GEMS

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Our breakfast meeting on Feb. 2 was attended by 38 members & guests. Ron Hamman welcomed Marge Redford, widow of Ed Redford, a retired schoolteacher, who recently moved here from Torrance, CA. Ed was a mechanic at SEA, HWI & LAX, who served the company well for 35 ½ years. Marge says she loves it here & is busy volunteering, meeting new friends, plus writing a novel. Her address is 3725 S. Gekeler Ln., #57, Boise, ID 83706. E-mail: mredford@joimail.com.

Ron also welcomed Rosemarie Palmer, a visiting retiree from Alamo, CA.

The Boise GEMS lost a dear friend when Virginia Burkhart passed on Jan. 26. Virginia was born in Leesburg, FL, but later moved to Boise with 5 children by her first marriage. There she met & married Al, who had 2 sons by an earlier

marriage. They celebrated 30 years together last year. Our sincere condolences to Al & family.

Ron introduced Beve Bryant, of the Better Business Bureau, our guest speaker. She spoke to us about the many hazards of being a senior citizen in this fast-moving world. Among many pitfalls are a whole series of scams contained in letters from Nigeria. All require money up front, for a promise of huge returns. The message is DON'T FALL FOR ANY OF THEM. Also, did you know that it is illegal in the U.S. to buy a chance on foreign lotteries? MOST ARE OUT-&-OUT FRAUD. Beware of prize offers. Most are fraudulent also. Beware of salesmen who play on your fears.

Ron also explained why we had to cancel a planned trip to Jackpot. He said there were 2 sign-up sheets going around, one for a theater attendance (if there is sufficient interest) & a golf outing (with dates of either June 1 or 15). He declined to get into a discussion about the chances of possibly losing some of our insurance health benefits, but suggested that any real news would appear in RUAEA's Newsletter.

Bud Peters again appealed for assistance with the Multiple Sclerosis Walk-A-Thon on May 1. He passed around a sign-on sheet to provide cookies for some of the 450-500 walkers expected this year. By last count, he had 20 volunteer cookie helpers. He's hoping that Betty Archibald & Dorothy Trock, each of whom baked a delicious batch for the event last year, will again pledge to help out.

Sorry to hear of Hugo Moirano's death. He was a good man & will be missed by his family & any friends.

Aviator Logic: *Without Maintenance, pilots are only pedestrians with nice jackets & cool sunglasses.*

Calendar

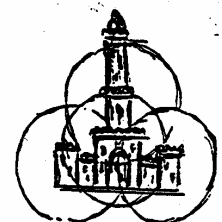
Mar. 1 &

May 5 - 9:30 a.m., breakfast at Holiday Inn on Vista Ave. in BOI.

ILLINOIS

LOOP GROUP

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What a nice reception, an enthusiastic lunch group had gathered for the Jan. get-together. I must confess that I was a late arrival. Shame on me. It was good & a surprise seeing June Feireisel, opening old memories of the years she drove me to work & saved my job. I'll always be grateful. It was so nice to meet Jerome; unfortunately we didn't have a chance to chat; I hope he gives us a 2nd chance. It was good to say "Hello" to Ted & Anita Jung, Ron Madsen, Marge Daily, & Mary Szabo. Beverly Connor managed to slip away from Marshall Field's. All in all, it was a happy luncheon. Food, as always, outstanding. Please note the date for the March LOOP GROUP luncheon.

Calendar

Mar. 17 - 11:30 a.m., Palmer House, French Quarter. Yes, we are meeting on St. Patrick's Day. Hope you can make it. In advance, Happy St. Patrick's Day.

CHICAGO SKYLINERS



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A friendly crowd of 100 people came to enjoy breakfast, plus our Northsiders welcomed new friends: Ed Ballinger of WHQDD, a dispatcher & wife Sally, Ed Meyer who retired from WHQCT & wife Bonnie. First-timers were: Mary Ukleja - WHQTE, Leona Gillespie - ORDMK, Lola Payette - WHQWS & Jack McTague - CHIRR.

The Southsiders came out despite a 4-inch snowfall. Although the group was small it was cozy. Many of the regulars were missed. Treacherous driving conditions kept many away. Meeting place is Granny Sally's Restaurant on south Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

Our condolences to the families of 2 members who recently passed away. Bob Novy, a former Planning Committee member died Feb. 2 and Gerry Pearson passed away Jan. 31.

Skyliners member dues of \$3.00 may be included with your payment for the Spring Luncheon. You should be receiving your Spring Luncheon registration form soon. Make checks payable to "Chicago Skyliners". Remember to

include your file number, mail to Ken Goetz, 722 Timothy Court, East Dundee, IL 60018.

Retirees have expressed an interest in serving the community by volunteering their time. So on this note I took the initiative to meet with Debbie Bridges, Manager of the Corporate Volunteer Program for United at WHQ. I was surprised & very impressed by the numerous opportunities available to employees & retirees. For those who would be willing to volunteer some time, the 2004 Calendar includes many activities scheduled for the upcoming months. A few are listed below:

Take Your Community to Work Day held 3/3/04 & is a worldwide program. In this program volunteers are needed as greeters, mentors & tour guides. Your time commitment would be 1 to 2 hours at WHQ, O'Hare or other United locations around the world.

The 11th Annual CHICAGO CARE Servathon on June 12. This is an annual one-day event of community service sponsored by "Chicago Cares". Chicago Cares is a non-profit, volunteer service organization, dedicated to serving disadvantaged Chicagoans by offering meaningful volunteer opportunities to busy working people & retirees. Individual & corporate team volunteers work at various schools & community service organizations. Volunteers provide all kinds of help to spruce up these buildings & grounds. Last year over 800 United employees, including our CEO Glen Tilton & 6 Senior Officers painted, landscaped & helped to beautify five schools. This will be United's 6th year of participation in this event.

Note: Other ongoing volunteer opportunities are available through Chicago Cares such as tutoring children, feeding the hungry, building affordable housing, preparing meals for people with AIDS & provide companionship. These projects are performed within the Chicago city limits. If you would like additional information on any of these opportunities, give Debbie Bridges a call with your questions at Unitel 700-6814

There is a **United Foundation Award** of \$50,000 in grants every year for Community Service. 45 individual grants of \$1,000 are awarded randomly to organizations based on valid applications received from eligible employees & retirees. There is also a Chairman Award of \$5,000 for excellence in community service awarded to

any organization in recognition of the individual who exhibited the most compassion, energy & commitment to a community cause.

If you would like additional information on how to apply for a grant, on your computer go to Skynet, from the home page under "Divisions", click on "Civic Affairs"; that will get you to "*United We Care Grants Application*." Or contact Debbie Bridges at WHQ. United We Care Grants were established to recognize employees & retirees for their individual community service.

The Northsiders' monthly breakfast continues to be held on the 2nd Wed. at Artemis restaurant in Arlington Heights, 9 a.m. Remember to ask our greeters for your NEW badge by FIRST name. Badges for Retirees attending for their first time will be available the following month. Because of our successful food pantry collection in Nov., some of you have asked when we will have another collection. Suggestions have been made that we should have this worthy cause every 6 months. The next food drive will be collected at our May breakfast.

The new name badges used for the first time for the Christmas party were appreciated & enjoyed by everyone. Remember at the Spring Luncheon to return them at the front entrance of the banquet hall when leaving.

We welcome some new retirees who have joined the Skyliners Chicago Chapter of RUAEA in the past month: Joyce Anderson, Linda Gillesie, A. Neal Helander, James Kenny, Josephine Koszyk & Henry O'Beid.

I received phone call from Nick Romeo asking me to pass on to everyone at the Northside breakfast group that he sends his regard. He is anxious to get his health back so that he & wife Angelina can attend the Skyliners events. Since his retirement in 1987 he has been in therapy for a right knee replacement, for rotor cuff surgery, with a third surgery to eliminate that pain. It was necessary later to do a right shoulder replacement. He would appreciate hearing from the Northsiders. Why not give Nick a call, phone (630) 833-1197 or drop him a card, 308 Highland Ave. Elmhurst, IL 60126-2245

Now that Roy Schmitt has more time on his hands & no longer writes this column, he & his wife recently attended a family 80th surprise birthday party in WI.

The Chicago Skyliners are very fortunate to have Angie Wauun as our Sunshine Lady. Angie sends cards to Skyliners & their families for eventful occasions. Please advise Angie of any special event, illness, etc. Her address is 56 Forest Lane, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007, phone number is (487) 439-1725.

Retirees & spouses who volunteered to the Chicago Food Depository in Jan. sorted clementines for various pantries. In Feb. they packed powdered milk & over 1800 pounds of green beans. Ron Pryor always welcomes new volunteers. If you are interested in experiencing a different type of volunteer work, give him a call (847) 541-5729.

The 50/50 raffle at our March luncheon that donates 50% of ticket sales to charity will be donated for medical expenses for Laurie Arguello (Haynes). Personal donations are being accepted at the luncheon.

Calendar

Mar. 25 - Spring Luncheon, Meridian Banquets in Rolling Meadows

Jun. 24 - Murder Mystery Play (audience participation) at the Stonegate Conference Center - Hoffman Estates. Come for an afternoon of enjoyment; see who gets murdered. You may be involved as a suspect to the crime.

Aug. 12 - Luncheon & Show, "The Sunshine Boys" at Drury Lane, Oak Brook, IL.

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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The Nor'Easters didn't hold a Jan. luncheon. The current & past officers did hold a meeting on Jan. 9 to make plans for general meetings throughout 2004. Present were: Co-presidents Don Simard & Carleen Eddy, V.P. George Mavreles, Treas. Bill Vanderwal, Sec'y Dick Vee, Bill & Norma Betters, Tony & Delores Berardi, Jimmy Yip, and Paul & Mary Ward. Plans include meetings at different restaurants, a casino trip, a

boat cruise, a train ride with a possible hotel overnight, plus our annual summer picnic. Also plans are in the making for logo embossed golf & sweat shirts, as well as printed T-shirts.

We lost 11 members for 2004. Several moved to a warmer climate, others advised they no longer drive, some cited ill health. As requested, names are withheld, but they'll be missed.

The news of escalated insurance rates by United has us all worried. We're hoping RUAEA will have some plans and call on us for help. I had concerns several months ago when a non-United family member was brought in as Pres. of the Credit Union. Now there is a name change. In light of what's happened in the investment world, I'm worried about CU savings. I'm afraid this is not the same United we all worked so hard to make the best. It's a shame that the current powers want to take things away from the people that insured them a job. It's all about money. I suggest we look at all candidates carefully, in the upcoming elections. It could be our only salvation!

We planned not to hold a Feb. meeting. March's meeting will be announced by mail.

MICHIGAN



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17 Escapees & Jaime, my granddaughter, were welcomed at W. Pky by many smiling snow people. Jan. 8, hosted by Marie & sister, Joan. Thank God the weather was nice. We were happy to see Joanna O'Brien from PHX.

Thanks to Rhea Jaguszewski as she organized the adoption of 3 families. 16 people including parents, delivered wrapped packages & gifts via van (Santa's sleigh was busy) to Holy Trinity in Corktown just in time for Christmas. We agreed at our Jan. meeting we would make this a yearly project, but next year we would start much earlier. As it was, Rhea worked miracles in a short time.

Feb. 5, 19 Escapees plus guest of our host, Marlene Jeffrey, Mary Soltes, gathered at the

Windsor Casino for a wonderful lunch, gambling & talk on our medical benefits. We welcomed first-timer Marge Revait, and long time no see Paul Oleynik. Paul, Marlene & Marge politely reminded me that we had 100% Canadian participation, a first for the Escapees in our 8+ years. Hopefully it won't take another 8 years for this to happen again. This correspondent, after losing just \$5.00 in less than a minute walked out. At that rate I figured if I stayed any longer I could never afford SEA in May! I did hear John LeRoy & wife, Judy were very lucky.

Sadly I must report that 2 of our Escapees, Kaye Law & Bill Merriweather have taken that flight to their eternal homes. Love & prayers to Kaye's children, Gayle, Eric & family: 52133 Huntley W., New Baltimore, MI 48047. Bill was 64, survived by his wife Iona, 8 children, 37 grandchildren & 10 great-grand children. Concerns to the family: 7949 Kirk Ridge, Belleville, MI 48111-1622. Also Larry Nigra, Angie's husband, has taken his final flight. Angie now resides at Henry Ford Continuous Care Center, 25375 Kelly, Roseville, MI 48066. Our deepest sympathy for all our losses.

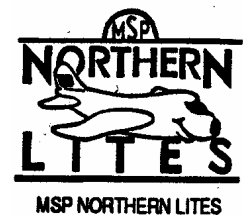
On a brighter side, Marlene & Doug Jeffery will be off to HWI next month to relax & enjoy 5 nights on Maui that they won at the convention last year.

Calendar

First Thurs. of month; location varies; please call or e-mail

MINNESOTA

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Our special room at Old Country Buffet was waiting for us when we arrived for our Jan. lunch & meeting. We welcomed new members Tom Krieger, Earl & Joan Budahn and Tessa Leseberg. It was also good to see Al Gunderson & Marty Arnold. Perhaps now that the meeting location is a little closer to their side of the Metro, we'll see more of them!

Condolences to Gerry Jarrett on the passing of his father, also to Cal & Dorothy Alderman on the

death of their son. Our sympathies to all of the families involved.

Bonnie Gunderson is struggling with the aftermath of a heart attack & a bad reaction to cancer treatments. She's up & around but is very careful about how much dancing & carousing she does.

Donna Gray related her adventure flying to pick up an 8-week-old puppy for her daughter's family. Apparently the little critter was very good on its onboard kennel until nature called. Donna & all the other passengers were mighty glad when they landed at ORD and were able to exit the aircraft. That's one of those "it-could-only-happen-to-Donna" stories.

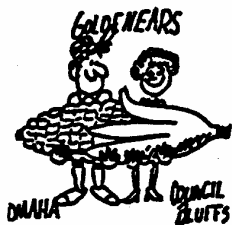
Not all of us Northerners spend the winter in the south, but some of us take small trips to warmer climates. Then there are the diehard winter-lovers who pray for snow & enjoy it all. Clyde & Marion Anderson are moving north, but only about 60 miles. After many years in Red Wing, MN, they have sold their home, will move in the spring to the Twin Cities.

The 2004 chapter roster is available for pickup at the meetings. It will be mailed free to dues-paying members or for \$1.00 to those who don't pay dues. Contact me if you'd like a copy mailed.

Calendar

Lunch at the Old Country Buffet, just north of Hwy. 110 and Robert Street in West St. Paul, 2nd Wed. of the month, 11:30 a.m.

NEBRASKA



Omaha
GOLDEN'EARS
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It was bitterly cold, but that didn't keep 46 brave souls from showing up for our Jan. meeting. Everyone likes the USA Steak Buffet as they have so many great choices. Hilde & Dick Schwan drove in from Daykin, NE - thanks for making the effort. Also in attendance were Hank Marquardt, Charlie Cheloa AND Bob & Kathy Faust must be congratulated - they made two meetings in a row.

Way to go!

Rose Savage is now in a nursing home suffering from dementia. We hope Doc is getting along okay.

Butch Podany lost his battle with brain cancer and passed away. His funeral was Dec. 27 at Mary our Queen Church. Butch was only 58 but had suffered with a brain tumor for a few years. His service was well attended by UAL. Our sympathy to his wife, Kathy & her family.

Calendar

Mar. 2 - Bohemian Café, hosted by Tom & Rose Langan

Apr. 6 - House of Hunan by Marge Edwards

May 4 - Old Country Buffet, hosted by Ev & Shirley Payton

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS

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Our Feb. 10 meeting was cancelled due to the Castaways Hotel & Casino bankruptcy; it went into receivership; the doors to the whole establishment are closed.

We, the Board, are looking for a new place, have found one on the casino strip called Ellis Island Village Pub, 4178 Koval Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89109

The first luncheon meeting is set for March 9, 11:30 a.m. I personally will not attend this luncheon since I will celebrate my mother's 83rd birthday in Brazil on this date.

Calendar

Apr. 13

Jun. 8



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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Our Jan. 15 luncheon meeting was held at The Red Lobster; 36 people attended. Pres. John Zaboli conducted the meeting.

He announced we had collected over 78 pounds of canned goods at our Christmas meeting for the Food Bank.

We received a letter from the Credit Union regarding their name change. Copies were distributed to attendees. Shirley Dringenberg, our treas., gave her report & reminds all that the dues are now payable. \$5.00 p/p. The dues help defray mailing costs. etc.

Proposed hike in retirees health insurance was discussed; it was noted that more funding is needed. This month's birthday member names were read as there were too many to fit on our large cake. "Better to be walking on grass than pushing it up!"

Announcement about the upcoming convention at the Double Tree Hotel in SEA. We will be needing representatives, especially since "Insurance" will be one of the topics. So who is planning to attend the convention?

Susan Womack was introduced as our newest member. She was a Flight Attendant. Welcome Susan. Dorothy McHughes is a long time member of Sierra Roundup, moved to LAS a few years ago. I believe she had a fall recently, would enjoy hearing from her friends. Her address is 150 Canyon Rose Way, Las Vegas, NV 89108, phone 702-647-0515.

NEW YORK

GUYS AND DOLLS

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They discovered us! 3 retired Long Islanders joined us for the first time. It was great to see so many new faces in the "Winter of our Discontent". First-time attendees were Nick Manfred, JFKSW; Nick Rispone, LGACS; Jim Richardson, LGACS; and Bill & Barbara Trippel, DCASW.

Pam Jones gave an update of the treasury. Alice O'Hagen related her experiences of traveling on the newly-installed Air Train Service to JFK Airport via Penn Station & Jamaica. Alice highly recommends it.

The main topic of discussion was the possible changes in retirees medical benefits. Those expressing their thoughts were Dian Hess, Marilyn

Cheadle, Nick Rispone & Marge Segal. Marge cautioned all of us to be careful of any activity that could jeopardize UAL's position from bankruptcy.

Lucky lady, Audrey Smolik, was the 50/50 winner.

Calendar

Apr. 6 - luncheon at San Martin, 12 noon. Please, please RSVP to Jeanne Leo or Marge Segal (212) 355-1788.

NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

This month's meeting was opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance" led by Joe Totaro, the "NY Metros" Pres, followed by a moment of silence for Hugo Moriano. Hugo was an LGA Maintenance Supervisor, later became Senior V.P. at United Airlines. Our condolences to the Moriano family.

Kathleen, wife of Pat Hannon, JFKFF & LGACS, is in rehab. Her progress is slow, is expected to be home in a few weeks. Their phone number is 1-718-423-1725.

Annual dues for the "Metro" chapter is \$5.00 for the year. Our Treas., Paul Cohen, is collecting the dues now. Paul is also taking the membership's birth & anniversary dates. We like to acknowledge the milestone dates at our monthly meetings.

Happy Birthday greetings to Mary Butera, celebrating her 80th, Feb. 4. Also, birthday greetings to Frank Kittle. He was 80 on Feb. 9. On Feb. 1, Edith & Jack Hellerman celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary. Geraldine & Dominick Rizzo were together 54 years on 25th of Feb. Great going "Yus Guys".

Charlie Kaczinski advised the "Metros" the lay-off of 50 active New York United Airlines employees is on hold for now. Thank goodness!

Harold Malasardi was missed at this month's meeting. Also, Bob & Pat Gilson and Dot Smith, where are you? Jack Dowling looked lonesome without you folks.

United Airlines update for a live operator: 1-866-825-4101.

All 76 attending members were happy to hear that Todd J. Geller, First V.P.- Investments at Advest, paid for their luncheon. Todd gave an

excellent presentation to the "Metros" on long-term care as well as bond investments & the importance of wills & living wills. Thank you, Todd, for a very informative afternoon & luncheon.

Charlie Kaczinski is planning a bus trip to Atlantic City in March. Give him a call to place your name on the list., bring a friend or two.

Calendar

Mar 3 - 12 noon, Millerridge Inn next meeting

Apr. 7 - noon, Millerridge Inn

May 5 - noon, Millerridge Inn

Annual Convention in SEA, Sun. May 24 to Sun. May 30, 2004. Hope you can make it!

NORTHWOODS



NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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This is the second call for the Loonies 15th semiannual meeting, to be held May 19-20-21, 2004 in Door County, WI. Door County is on a peninsula which extends northeastward into Lake Michigan from about 15 miles north of Green Bay up to Washington & Rock Islands, a distance of approximately 80 miles.

It is edged by 250 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline, with numerous bays, harbors & islands creating spectacular scenery year around. There are nine lighthouses, five state parks, plus many other smaller park areas. Picturesque communities such as Egg Harbor, Fish Creek, Sister Bay & Gill's Rock are home to some of the most charming gift & antique shops, handicraft stores, also art galleries to be found anywhere. There are museums, wineries, orchards, plus countless outstanding restaurants. We will have more than enough to see & do, including just sitting and visiting, which is always an important part of our get-togethers.

A letter will be going out soon to all members, plus a packet of information regarding hotel info, agenda, etc., will be mailed to all who are planning to attend. If you are interested in becoming a new member, please phone or write to me to have your name put on our mailing list.

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The first meeting of the New Year of 2004 was held Feb. 4 at Dimitri's Restaurant in Parma. Marilyn Gschwend hosted the meeting with 90 members attending. It was great to gather together again. When you received your Feb. issue of RUAEA, I'm sure most of you must have pondered over the first paragraph, regarding the Feb. 4 luncheon at Dimitri's. The newsletter that you received in Feb. should have had info regarding the Jan. meeting, of which we didn't have. I was a month ahead of myself. I do apologize. I'm not clairvoyant but, I guess my brain was frozen by all the cold weather in Cleveland.

New members attending were Gene & Jacki Craig, Louise Cox, Gary & Carol Outzs, & returning members Jack & Ionia Kirklin. Orlando visitors were Ken & Joanne Buchman; we enjoyed having you. Also, it was nice to see George Werner in attendance. Our membership now stands at 262 which represents 176 households.

All Jan. & Feb. birthdays & anniversaries were acknowledged, including Ray & Carol Waldron who are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary and Jack & Ionia Kirklin celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary. "Congratulations". A card was sent to Eleanor Neth. She is dealing with some serious health problems right now & would welcome cards of encouragement. No phone calls, please. Her address is 4162 DeRussey Rd., Collins, OH 44826-9777. A card was also sent to Frank Fink. We send our sincere sympathy & prayers to Norma Dangel on the passing of her husband Edward, to Elma Jess on the passing of her husband, Bob & to Andrew Tubbs on the passing of his wife Mary. Steve Pytel received word that Wilbur (Bill) Merriwether (non-member) passed away. Bill worked in CLE before transferring to another station in the late 1970s. Bob Herman informed us that Russ Branagham, a long time B&M mechanic in CLE passed away. Although,

Russ was not a member, many of you knew him. Also, another non-member Don Bash a retired CLE ramp serviceman passed away on Jan. 18. Our thoughts & prayers are with you. We wish all those who are dealing with health issues, that the coming days are better. Those who are dealing with sorrow; they will feel the hand of GOD.

Our Pres. updated us on our friend, Marie Rourke who competed in the 26.2 miles in a marathon for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Orlando, FL on Jan. 11. She was well on her way to a great race, when at the 9th mile marker she fractured her foot. They wanted her to stop, but she continued to the 13.1 mile or the end of the ½ Marathon & received a medal. She wanted to go on, but her foot was too swollen. Carol & Ray are so very proud of her. She raised \$4300. She is a very "Special Lady". Also, thank all of you who supported our cause and especially to our friends of the Minnesota Chapter. A card was sent to Marie to show our appreciation for her valiant efforts. We also received a letter from Santa Claus thanking us for helping to defray the cost of feeding his reindeers.

Our Pres. would like to give a personal note of thanks to the Tampa Chapter for a wonderful time at their yearly gathering in Tarpon Springs. She & Ray were treated like royalty. They saw old friends, met new ones. Thank you Jo Madden for sitting with us. You made our day!

The new 2004 packages with all the prepaid forms, address for dues & phone numbers of callers and officers were passed out at the Feb. meeting. If you were not able to attend the Feb. meeting, the packages will be sent by mail. If you have not received a package, please call one of the officer.

Calendar

Apr. 14 - 1:00 p.m., Mahales at Forest Hills Plaza, 63 Pearl Rd., Brunswick, OH. Please note this is the 2nd Wed. of the month. Pre-paid.

May 5 - 1:00 p.m., Pacinos, 14952 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH (IMPORTANT, we cannot get in before 12:30 p.m.). Pre-paid.

Jun. 9 - Island Hopping Cruise, Lake Erie. Pickup at Southpark at 7:00 a.m. & Great Northern Mall at 7:30 a.m. There is a limit of 50 people for this trip. Dave & Marie Placko are hosting this Island trip. Checks need to be in by May 9.

Jul. 7 - 12:00 p.m., Albion Woods Reserved Picnic

Area in the Mill Stream Run Reservation in Strongsville, OH.

OREGON



DEW-ERS

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The 1st meeting of the new year was attended by 101 Dew-ers in Jan. After a 4-day snow/freezing rain/ice/more snow storm, everyone was glad to be out & about. Some of our members had been without electricity for a period of time.

Sadly, we have two deaths to report among the Dew-ers. Duane Heidegger (PDXCS) passed away on Jan. 29. Duane was a very involved member of both Dew-ers Chapter & National RUAEA. (Please see the General News section for more information.) We will miss him terribly. Our condolences to his wife, Barbara (13848 NE Milton St., Portland, OR 97230), his children & grandchildren. We also noted the passing of Mary Fletcher, wife of Dick (PDXRR).

New members of the chapter include Ben (PDXSS) & Lindy Fredericks and Kathie Larson (SFORR). Welcome to the Dewers! We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Quite a few people appeared on our Sick List this past month. Pat Davis had been ill, Dorothy Retzlaff was in an accident, Beverly Markland had surgery, Ken Anderson had cataract surgery, Jack Hoage had a knee replacement. Ed Loewen underwent a triple bypass, Diana Thomas had a hysterectomy, Kathy Russell had back surgery. Merle Pitman, our trusty Sunshine Chair & card sender, was re-hospitalized for dehydration following his bypass surgery. We are happy to report that all are recovering nicely.

This year's dues must be paid no later than the March meeting in order for your name to appear in the 2004 Roster. Please be sure to include name, address, phone number & e-mail address if there have been any changes since last year. Dues are \$7.50 single, \$10.00 couples. Please mail your checks payable to RUAEA, to Nancy Hooper, P.O. Box 286, Washougal, WA 98671.

The Travel Desk is open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Mon./Wed./Fri. (503) 249-4142 & 4143). Retirees & current employees of UAL can avail themselves of our services, which include flight and load information plus listing for flights.

Calendar

Meetings are at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland unless otherwise noted, 11:00 a.m. cash bar, noon luncheon.

Mar. 10 - Speaker: John Wulle, Judge, Superior Court of Clark County

Apr. 21 - Easter Luncheon - please note change of date

May 12 - Social meeting - no speaker

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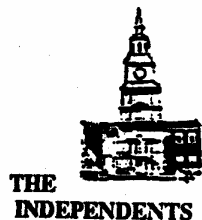
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There were 40 attendees at our Jan. meeting including some first-timers, Jim Weeks & Fred Hall. Welcome Jim & Fred.

Pres. Bernie McNamee, opened the meeting, then Ways & Means committee chairman, Joe Brad, offered the invocation before lunch.

Regrettably, Don Miller is still having some neurological problems. His wife, Ruth, appreciates the thoughtful notes & cards.

After lunch, Lew Meyer gave us some valuable information on hearing aid coverage from our Blue Cross at United that surprised most of us. I guess some of us will finally get our hearing tested. It was so rewarding to hear how Lew's hearing has improved with his new hearing aid. He is delighted to learn about the "new" sounds he can now hear.

Treas. Frank Eggles gave a report & an update of the wonderful response to our Christmas basket donations. We held a drawing for a free lunch, also a 50/50 drawing.

All officers were re-elected again this year. since no one objected, the vote was unanimous. (Also, there were no other candidates).

Past Pres., Jim Fanto, recalled that he started this chapter in 1984 with 7 members. We now have

over 200. Wow!

Bernie read a humorous, "You know you are from Pennsylvania if---" We adjourned after much visiting & socializing.

Our committee met on Jan. 23 at Kathy & Al Edwards' house. Sec'y/Treas., Frank Eggles & wife, Marge, provided a lunch of Philadelphia Hoagies & chips. Betty Mudd Pyle provided some delicious homemade desserts plus home made crackerjack.

Attendees included: Pres. Bernie McNamee; Treas., Frank Eggles, his wife, Marge; Al & Kathy Edwards; Betty & Al Pyle; Shirley Roberts & Dee Burrs.

After lunch, Bernie opened the meeting by updating our list of new retirees plus names of those who are sick or deceased. Sadly, we lost Edrutt D. Johns on Jan. 12.

Frank Eggles made corrections to our E-mail lists, also gave us address changes.



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Welcome March - Spring can't be too far behind. My recent RUAEA Board Meeting in SEA proved to be effortless as far as air travel. No problems going or returning. Our national RUAEA organization revised our policies to now becoming pro-active in representing the retirees' causes. We now have 10,000 members of which 1,000 receive the Newsletter on the web.

Please remember, your annual dues are due on your birthday - also include your file number.

The upcoming convention looks like a real winner. Hope PIT has a good representation this year.

We're looking forward to meeting our new station manager, Walt Benham. Walt has agreed to be our guest speaker. Let's hope we hear some good news.

Our condolences to Glen Farley & family on the sudden death of Ruth. A service was held in PIT last month. Although Ruth & Glen resided in FL, they had many friends & ties in PIT.

Condolences also to Treatie Karwoski on the passing of her brother. Treatie's address is 1900 Eighth Av., Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

Our best wishes to Frank Wise who suffered a heart attack recently. Cards can be sent to Frank at 268 Cherry St., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Sure was great reading in the last Newsletter that Ruth (husband Ross) Miller (otherwise known as Johnny Carson) is doing better. Good to hear from you both.

Good news - also John Crooks is doing well with his treatments. 'Way to go, Johnnie'.

Calendar

Jun. - Baseball game

Jul. - Picnic

Think Summer

RUAEA Convention, May 23-30, SEA

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If you have ever traveled between Knoxville & Chattanooga by car, chances are you've driven right past Sweetwater, which is about mid-point between those two cities. Just off I-75, Sweetwater, is nestled in the rolling hills west of Cherokee National Forest in the Appalachian Mountain Range. The town's most famous attraction is nearby Lost Sea, a U.S. national landmark registered as "America's Largest Underground Lake". It has an abundance of rare formations throughout the cavern system and enjoys a surprisingly large number of Japanese visitors year after year.

Our focus on Jan. 15 was in downtown Sweetwater where 18 of us (several couples had to cancel due to last-minute illnesses or medical challenges) met at Hunter's Bakery & Café in the heart of the antique district. Roland & Donna Kreps hosted the luncheon at this old restaurant, one of the first buildings in what was later to become the incorporated town of Sweetwater. It was a

congenial get-together with good food.

Sec'y Mary Lou read a nice note from Ray & Mary Owens of the Dixie Flyers group, reporting that they had visited & enjoyed Fall Creek Falls State Park after reading about our outing report in an earlier newsletter. Past Treas. Dave Leonhard sat in for Mike Chapin & covered the year-end report. The Chapins were in PA to celebrate the birth of a new granddaughter. Roland led a discussion of changes in the works to reduce our medical benefits to a degree not yet known. He also passed out an internet report on United's attempt to emerge from bankruptcy.

With our chapter's coffers in good shape, Jerry solicited suggestions for charitable donations. Two more were subsequently discussed & approved for (1) the U.T. Cancer Center in memory of Evelyn Leonhard and (2) the Hope Resource Center, a counseling center for unwed mothers.

There are 2 individuals to keep in your thoughts & prayers - Donna Kreps who recently had surgery and is still in the hospital as this is being submitted, & Art Christensen who is very likely to undergo surgery shortly, after more tests are conducted.

Many of us visited the concentration of antique shops after the meeting was adjourned and others stopped by the Sweetwater Valley cheese factory. Something for everyone.

Calendar

Mar. 18 - 12:30 p.m. EST, luncheon to be hosted by the Ferrells with details to be announced.

Apr. 15 - 10 a.m., EST, breakfast at the Cracker Barrel, Exit 373 off I40-75 on Campbell Station Road, Farragut.

May 20 - 12:30 p.m. DST, luncheon hosted by the Taylors & Nancy Krop

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On Jan. 21, 26 chapter members met for coffee & donuts bought by Bob Faydock & Pete/Jackie Loyola.

Gray Lowery brought with him another new retiree, George Nihipali - welcome to both of them! It was also good to visit with Keiko & Jiro Mori, as well as Kiyoko Olsen. Tony Brown came without Dorothy. Geo. Dalton mentioned that Bill Berg was up for a serious medical examination; we hope it turns out well for him.

Bobbie St. Joer had not visited the group very often recently, for health reasons. We were sorry to learn that she passed away in mid-Jan.

Hugh Cannon (husband of Aletha) passed away 01/09/04. Aletha was able to attend our meeting, accompanied by her daughter, Shirlene Kohnlein, who promised to bring her mother to our meetings as often as possible. Aletha, please accept our group's deepest sympathy!

Chapter Pres. Pete Loyola & wife Jackie brought a beautifully wrapped raffle "gift"; Doug Roberts was the lucky winner. Pete asked four chapter members to tell us about their life with UAL: First it was Kiyoko Olsen who had been long married to Dick Olsen (now deceased); she was born in Japan & is a long-time UT resident. Next it was Keiko Mori, a dyed-in-the-wool American, who worked many years at SLCHH before retiring. Our new guest, George Nihipali, was the 3rd to give his story: born & raised in HWI, he worked for UAL in HNL, eventually settled on the "mainland" (LAX & SLC) with a three-yr. commute from HNL before his transfer came through. Fourth, Aletha Cannon's daughter, Shirlene, thanked everyone who came to her father's memorial service.

Pete Loyola mentioned that another newly retired UALer, Jerry Hugentobler, sent his dues (plus postage fund \$\$) to our Treas. Bill Ottman, even before visiting our regular meeting for the first time. Thank you Jerry!

Topic of the meeting: All proceeds from the raffle were voted to go to Laurie Arguello's upcoming bone marrow transplant. Laurie is UAL Capt. Al Haynes' daughter (39). Many of our members added more \$\$ to the till, others wanted the address for the **National Foundation For Transplants (P.O. Box 7781, Covington, WA 98042-0046)**. This kind of response to a fellow UALer should make everyone proud of being part of the United family; it was great to be able to contribute in some small measure towards Capt. Haynes' efforts to reach the more than \$200,000

goal - monies that are not covered by insurance. As we all still remember Capt. Haynes was the keynote speaker at RUAEA's 1997 PHX convention.

Calendar

Mar. 17 - Lunch, 2 p.m., (ca.\$6), Chuck-A-Rama, 212 S. 500 W., Bountiful

Apr. 21 - Coffee, 10 a.m. Murray Heritage Center, 10 E. 6150 S., Murray

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16 members attended luncheon at Locks Point Restaurant. No guests. Meeting called to order by Pres. Connie McManus. Discussions were held about Connie's meeting with CEO (UAL). He reported things going as planned.

Ill members are Hank Gilbert & Pat Gieger. Bob & Marylyn Riggs talked about a 21-day cruise to HWI Islands.

As usual, jokes were told by Bob Collins & Dick Temnce

We meet every third Thurs. If interested in attendance, call me at above phone number.

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Jan. 14 we hosted 73 members & guests at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA. The Washington area is suffering through the coldest winter in 10 years, but the low temperatures did not dampen the spirits of the Dulles Loungers.

It seems most members stayed close to home for the holidays; a few traveled by car to visit family members & friends.

Do any of our gentlemen members have old UAL neckties lurking in their closets? Our Dulles

Loungers member Dianne Calderwood will make a "memory Pillow" for \$20.00. I have asked Diane to bring along a sample of her work to our next luncheon. Contact Dianne at 540-752-7240 if you are interested.

Don Mason won the 50/50 and went home with \$39.50. Dianne Calderwood won the basket of Valentine treats & treasures!

We look forward to hearing about travel to exotic places at the next luncheon. Travel safely.

Calendar

Mar. 10 - 12:30 p.m., Golden Corral, Manassas, VA

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO RUAEA! We hope you will enjoy the activities and camaraderie. The organization would appreciate hearing from you on your birthday.

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OBITUARIES

Retiree-**ALFONSO, Lena M.A.**, ORD, on 10/10/03.

Retiree-**ANDERSON, O.E.**, SFO, on 1/12/04

Retiree-**BERRY, Wendell D.**, DEN, on 1/16/04, husband of Pauline, P.O. Box 65, Zap, ND 58580

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Spouse-**MC MURRY, Dorothy B.**, on 8/3/03, wife of Ross, DCA, 4324 Palmdale Dr., Plano, TX 75024

Retiree-**MICHALICA, Jennie L.**, PIT, on 9/28/03
Spouse-**MIYAHARA, Peony**, on 1/3/04, wife of Kazuo, DEN, 14390 E. Marina Dr., #108, Aurora, CO 80014

Retiree-**MOIRANO, Hugo**, CHI, on 1/28/04, husband of Iole, 10100 Cypress Cove Dr., Apt. 255, Fort Myers, FL 33908

Retiree-**MONAHAN, Richard L.**, JFK, on 1/3/04, husband of Natalie, 58 Hedges Ave., Chatham, NJ 07928

Retiree-**MORSE, Robert E.**, TPA, 1/11/04, husband of Anne, 2595 Bentley Dr., Palm Harbor, FL 34684

Retiree-**NELSON, George R.**, SFO, on 1/21/04

Retiree-**PEARSON, Geraldine**, EXO, 1/30/04, wife of Norman, 2214 E. Grove St., Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Retiree-**PERALTA, Eugene C.**, SFO, 1/29/04, husband of Josephine, 2007 Lakeview Dr., Yakima, WA 98902

Retiree-**REDLING, JR., Joseph**, LGA, on 10/25/03

Spouse-**SCHRECONGOST, Ray**, on 1/10/04, husband of Juanita, ORDCS, 2412 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge, IL 60068

Retiree-**SOLLEY, Edna C.**, EXO, on 12/12/03

Retiree-**TUCKER, James H.**, SFO, on 1/24/04, husband of Gertrude, 13555 Via Del Sol, Auburn, CA 95602

Retiree-**TWITCHELL, Thomas M.**, CHI, on 12/11/03, husband of Marie, 710 S. Louis, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

Retiree-**VERACKA, Joseph J.**, BOS, on 1/18/04, husband of Emily, 4315 Sea Mist Dr., #165, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169

Retiree-**WANK, Stanley E.**, ORD, on 1/27/04, husband of Darlene, 10942 Oak Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415

Retiree-**WARING, John (Jack)**, DCACS, on 12/7/03, husband of Rosemary, 4830 Ponderosa Dr., Annandale, VA 22003

Retiree-**WHEELER, Ralph R.**, DEN, on 1/27/04, husband of Elsie, 910 Alexandria Rd., SW, Jacksonville, AL 36265

As you get older, don't slow down, speed up. There's less time left.

We have received Greetings & Thanks for the Newsletter from the following members:

Georgia Johnson, Margaret Foster, Joan Tremblay, Joan H. O'Hara, Anne E. Good, Nellie Neil, Sadie Tuten, Jim McWayne, Jan Smithberg, Ruth Adams, Bernie McNamee, Jack Moylett, Sharon Wagner, David J. Curtin, Alfons & Paula Flintrop, Bee McCarthy, Marion Klosinski, Olga Grancey, Koji Takeuchi, Wanda J. Huber, Charlie Baselice, Bob Ullmann, Jim Gallagher, Cecile Myers, Chester Kamensky, Ted Tollefsen, James H. Stokes, Edith Polito, Denny Keast, Ed Finnegan, Stephen Gray, Dorothy Wolberd, Julia Lemke, Karl Galda, Lou Legnitto, Juanita Schrecongost, Bob Wagner, Guy Hoffman, Sodie Ishida, Matt G. Stilman, Doris Porterfield, Mac McWhorter, Ines A. Tenorio, Judi Powers, Kris Trana, Bus McMannama, Larry Rotett, Rodolfo D. Seneres, Hank Brower, Camilla Warner, Pat Muha, Mary Lou Tarrant, Douglas Jay, Fred McKenna, Jim Murphy, Mary Hoge George, Joyce Calderone, Louis Bonetti, Billy W. Armentrout, Valerie Jones, Frank Olsson, Peggy Wolf, Ed Savage, John Tiefel, Anne Seibel, and Raymond I. Konop.

WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

Milton Sank, 151-25 88th St., 3J, Howard Beach, NY, NY 11414

No, it's not my birthday - just wanted to illustrate to you how avidly your readers consume the Newsletter. In the latest issue, last page, last letter, Tim Joslin mentions that his daughter was on Yap. That little word, just three letters was a trigger to my memory.

During WW2 I served on a destroyer-minelayer, one of hundreds of warships gathered at Ulithi Atoll for the invasion of Okinawa. One night, having taken off from Yap, two Kamakazis ended their career diving at a carrier at anchor nearby. Yap was a major Japanese naval & air base which our forces had leap-frogged past. A few hours later our loudspeaker sounded, "Now hear this! This ship has volunteered to patrol the island of Yap." We spent the next few days sailing round and round the Japanese island prepared to radio the

massed invasion flee to Ulithi if any other planes took off to attack them.

So keep up the good work!

Incidentally, any other "Tin Can Sailors" out there?

John & Aida Hildebran, P.O. Box 191, Moyers, OK 74557 johnaida@mailstation.com

I remember long ago
When I sometimes worked the ramp;
Nothing ever bothered me,
The hot and dry, nor the cold and damp.
But eventually, time goes on
And you become a "Gramp";
You retire, you slow down
And your fingers start to cramp.
So now I'll start this early,
And just maybe, beat that Red Stamp
And pray that United will come out of this
As the company tries to re-vamp.
And to you people that keep us updated,
Each one of you....is a real "Champ".

So much for trying to be a poet! Our travel this year has been limited. Just one trip to N. FL to see our great granddaughter! We even drove!

Here are our dues for another year, plus a bit more to help out with those USPS stamps.

Keep up the good work; all us retirees really appreciate it.

Gay Traber, (new address) 1201 Chisholm Trail, Pensacola, FL 32514 GTRAB5@ad.com

Hello and sending many thank you's to all of you for the continued excellent effort, devotion & time you give to the newsletter. I enjoy reading it so very much.

It's been almost a year since I retired. It seems so short. I continue to feel as though I'm on a long "lay-over" and will soon return to base.

I've been very busy selling my home in CA, moving to Pensacola with the usual ups and downs we all experience.

Lyle is good. I'm healthy & spending time with those I love. What more can we ask? I look forward to attending more functions with my "UA family".

Jerry and Dolores Avallone, 3143 Weymouth Way, Rescue, CA 95672

Thanks for the annual dues reminder. April will

mark my 10th year in retirement. Life has been good to Dolores & me during this time enjoying our 9 grandchildren & our new home in the Sierra foothills. We have been busy decorating the interior & exterior, having had a pool installed, also extensive landscaping so we can enjoy the fruits of our labors.

The grandchildren are anxious for summer to begin so they can go swimming here. We have just returned from a short vacation to FL & GA visiting family & friends. Our flight experiences were very good; we were impressed with the dedicated people of United doing their best during these difficult times. We remain confident UAL will pull through this situation and regain our former glory.

Regards to all my former co-workers, friends. Thanks to all the volunteers at RUAEA for the service they provide to get the newsletters out to all of us.

Joe Glydon, 88 Dartmouth Ave., Avenel, NJ 07001-1860

Enclosed is a donation to the postal fund from a guilty "Lifer". I just hit the big 80; it feels just like 40, only twice as long. Only difference is I can't hit a six iron 160 yards anymore. Keep pushing those newsletters in the mailbox please. Thank you.

Bernice Wright, 3101 SE 169th Ct., Vancouver, WA 98683-2331 Widdodiddo@aol.com

Hello to all the wonderful authors of the monthly newsletter. Thank you all for all your hard work keeping all of the retirees, like myself, in touch with their former life with UAL. I retired 8 years ago; now I cannot imagine how I managed to find enough time to work.

What with hobbies like golf, trying to keep fit & traveling a lot -- it's truly a busy job for us over 60-year-olds. Oops, speaking of age, I think I owe you some money. Enclosed amount to ensure continued contact with all my former pals.

Larry Hillyer, 19 Bogey Lane, Coto de Caza, CA 92679

As of Jan. 1, 2004, I started my 14th year of retirement. These years have been great for Marian & me. Traveling by plane is infrequent, as we prefer driving, less hassle; because most of our driving is within the northwest & the southwest of the US.

In Sept., 2002, we did fly to Connecticut to visit family, then drove across country to CA. This may not sound very exciting, but it turned out to be a very educational trip. Living in one area most of your life, you lose sight as to how diverse the U.S. is from coast to coast. As you drive you quickly find out that the landscape is ever changing from state to state...from grand mountains, to rich farmland, large cities & tiny towns, shopping malls, big & small, restaurants featuring specialty foods of the region's culture...all these things have their unique features that identify their part of the U.S. Driving offers an insight on the U.S. expressive land, geographical make-up & rich history. Fantastic trip.

I want to thank the dedicated personnel who produce the excellent newsletter. It is the only contact we have to keep us informed on what is happening with UA. We are fortunate to have such a devoted staff.

Patricia D. Morris, 7209 Red Oak Dr., Crystal Lake, IL 60012-3022

Attended the Chicago Convention as a guest - really enjoyed it. The committee did a marvelous job. Volunteered at the Hospitality Desk; it was fun. Also won the item I bid on at the silent auction. Got to talk to people I hadn't seen in years. Since I hope to attend the SEA convention, thought I'd better become a member.

Kenneth S. Smith, 19261 Keifel Rd., Laurelville, OH 43135-9248

Here it is Jan. of a new year, & another birthday coming up. So with that happening it reminds me that the time has come to renew my membership in this very useful organization for another year. I have been retired 3 years as of the 1st of the year; this will be my second year in RUAEA. Joining this organization has been one of the best things I have done. The information that I find in your monthly newsletters is both informative & timely. Thanks to you & your staff for the excellent work.

Dale T. Harper, 1399 Sand Hill Ct., Oakdale, CA 95361-8873 dtharper@inreach.com

"The Dreaded Red Stamp" has struck again - indicating that I'm now another year older - but, shoot, I knew that - could feel it in my "bonz"

We just came home from Medical Lab to have

our blood analyzed for any good or bad "stuff". While we were sitting there, another gentleman was talking about his body being 65 & his mind being 8 years old. He mentioned that his "Golden Years" were turning to "RUST".

I'm hoping that we have the UAL Pension & Medical situations squared away by the time you receive this.

Thank you for all the work you folks do to publish this newsletter. I understand we can get this newsletter either through the Internet or USPS - I'd like to have it both ways - website & the paper copy - my wife doesn't know anything about this computer thing.

If you are a UAL retiree, or spouse of a retiree, & interested in receiving:

- 1"UAL Employee Daily Newsreal",
- 2Instruction for signing onto UAL's IntraNet - "Skynet", & "Weblist"
- 3UAL obituaries - (like those from the earlier UAL "Our Times" magazine - these are about 2 months late).
- 4Current obituaries I receive from other retirees.
- 5Discussion of various items - on many subjects.

If you're interested, I'll add you to our list of over 1400 retirees; send me a note with the:

Retiree's name,
UAL Address code (like ORD__),
Retirement date,
& if you want your current City, State

NOTE: If a RUAEA member has signed up for the website, he/she will not receive the paper copy of the Newsletter.

Barbara Rowe, 8651 Foothill Blvd., Spc. 108, Rch Cucamonga, CA 91730

Oh boy! My favorite time of year! A birthday & a red stamp! Thanks so much for the great newsletter you all put out. I look forward to it. Our PSP Desert Sunbirds continue to thrive.

I keep busy with volunteer work: Travelers Aid at ONT, the library, and most recently a member of the Civilian Patrol for the Rancho Cucamonga Police Dept. Nearly 9 years of retirement for me. I love it more each day.

**Jim Sommerfield, 161 E. Sherwood Lane,
Schaumburg, IL 60193**

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Having just completed my first year of retirement, it has been nothing short of great! It has enabled me to spend a considerable amount of time up north at our WI home, do some traveling, also get together frequently with our friends & relatives.

I'm very glad that I joined the RUAEA organization & am proud to be one of the RUAEA website managers.

I am a member of the Chicago Skyliners local chapter, have enjoyed the monthly breakfasts as well as our quarterly social gatherings. It is really nice to be a part of the group. I especially enjoy being able to visit with many of the people that I worked with or played sports with at United over the duration of my career.

I'm enjoying my time working on the website with such wonderful people as Jim Fauber, Marlin Lade, Mel Conine, Tom Goodyear, Howard Tress, Bob Bob Kalicki & Knut Mole of Spectrum Corporation, as well as Jo Madden and the excellent DEN newsletter staff under her direction.

RUAEA is truly blessed to have such wonderful, dedicated people. The RUAEA officers do an excellent job in setting the direction for the organization and the DEN staff does a superb job with the Newsletter.

I look forward to accessing the RUAEA website, reading the Newsletter online as well as my mailed paper copy. I especially like the fact that on the website we can go back to previous versions of the Newsletter, access online forms, & have numerous direct links to other websites of interest.

I'm quite disheartened with United being in bankruptcy with the threat of changes to our medical costs & coverage. I'm hopeful that RUAEA will be able to represent us, that our medical cost & coverage will either remain the same or be minimally impacted.

I'm looking forward to the Convention in SEA this year, know it will be a good time. I enjoyed the CHI convention last year, especially the Tommy Guns Garage tour & the Sat. banquet.

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**Betty Locke Koch, 6761 Jardines Dr.,
Huntington Bch, CA 92647**

Although only "out" since July, I cannot begin to tell you how much I enjoy the newsletter. Think the new "War Story" feature is great!! Lord knows, we all have them!

Thanks for all your hard work!

**Ray Klinke, 1448 La Linda Dr., Lake San
Marcos, CA 92069-4738**

My wife, Joan, & I are doing fine except she had to give up golf last year. Now I have to borrow a woman to be able to play in "couples" tournaments. Last year I played 178 times. The most memorable one was at Pebble Beach with my son.

The good news is we keep getting RUAEA news because of your staff's efforts. The bad news is there are fewer names I recognize. Thanks a million!

**Barbara W. Atkinson, 13542 E. Home Pl., Grass
Valley, CA 95945-8876**

Thank you so much for the wonderful newsletter. I enjoy it.

I wish to say "hello" to all my co-workers and friends from LAXSW. Are we having fun or what?

**Trevor & Nancy Hewes, 12926 Beechwood Dr.,
Sun City West, AZ 85375**

Time again to get in under the wire & avoid the red stamp. As usual, look forward to seeing the latest UAL news, also seeing familiar names from the past (some good memories).

Nancy & I are both in good health, still whacking the golf ball around.

**Pauline Olivier, 2600 Valleywood Dr., San
Bruno, CA 94066-1812**

Wishing you and all the staff have a great 2004. It's wonderful to receive the newsletter; I so look forward to reading it to find out the latest. Thank you very much for your hard work.

**Frank Callahan, 11054 W. Campana Dr., Sun
City, CA 85351**

Thanks to the newsletter for keeping us retirees informed of the news & happenings. I want to take this opportunity to thank the newsletter for placing this retiree's golf entry form in the newsletter. I sure appreciate it.

Evelyn Terry, P.O. Box 577562, Modesto, CA 95357-7562

We continue to hold positive thoughts for UAL's full recovery.

A happy, healthy New Year to all the wonderful people who work so hard putting together such an informative newsletter.

Rita E. Reynolds, 3919 SW Arroyo Dr., Seattle, WA 98146-1660

Another great year of communication with old friends & a source of information on the happenings at UAL. Thanks for another great job of keeping us in touch.

LaVerne Burke, 16197 Emerald Point, Middleburg Hts., OH 44130

My husband, Jerry O. Burke, worked for United Airlines at SFO & SAC stations for 36 years. He passed away on 11/9/01 of cancer. If anyone knew him, please write me; I will send you a memorial card.

I enjoy reading the newsletter; if there is someone in the CLE area that wants to go to the retirees' events each month & needs a ride, please call me (216) 898-0273.

Gretchen Boland, 11944 Broad River Rd., Chapin, SC 29036

Thank you for the reminder that it's time to pay my dues. I really enjoy the newsletter & would hate to see it stop. The general news is very informative.

Kathy Leonhard, 1 Hoover Ln., Enfield, CT 06082-5313

It is with pleasure that I mail in my annual dues & some extra for the postage fund. Kudos to the staff that dedicates their personal time & energy to ensure everyone receives a high-quality newsletter. Your dedication & enthusiasm to communicate with UA's retirees is evident & appreciated by all.

Pat Spilotro, 1911 Jonquil Terrace, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Thanks to all of you for bringing us the United news. I really look forward to reading about what is happening all over our country. And it is even more fun when I recognize a name. While I never did like retirement, I keep busy with babysitting, crafts, singing in the Sweet Adelines chorus, plus my

husband and I do a little traveling.

Thanks again for all your hard work.

Lynsey Austin, 4160 Via Solano, Palos Verdes, CA 90274

I enjoy your newsletter so much. It's only 6 months since I retired; I love every minute of it. My friends that are still working, my heart goes out to them. The morale is so low. Almost 3000 flight attendants retired so we could keep our medical coverage; now the company wants to raise all retirees' insurance payments. I hope & will work toward that not happening.

On a flight to Honolulu a lady stopped me & asked, "What's that blue stuff down there?" I replied it was the Pacific Ocean. She asked, "What's the white stuff?" I told her it was the clouds. She looked me straight in the eye & said, "You can't fool me, the Pacific Ocean isn't that blue." I told her she was right. United was the only airline to fly upside down so you get a better view of the sky. Then she was happy!

Ted McCaffrey, 7542 Delta Commerce Dr., Lansing, MI 48917-1000

Just a note enclosing postage for 2004. I am hoping to have a new computer soon, but until that time I would like to continue the paper copy. Keep up the wonderful work you perform for us retirees. Do not like to depend on newspapers for news about United Airlines.

Dave & Rose Barry, 3700 N. 156th Lane, Goodyear, AZ 85338

This is the first time I have written; I retired Aug. 2000 from PHXMM where I worked for 3 years. I also worked at ORDMM for 31 years. Just want to thank you for the newsletter & say "hello" to all the guys in CHI. My e-mail is PHXMM@AOL.com.

Virginia Moore, 17110 NE 45th St., #32, Redmond, WA 98052-5633

Free passes have always been a great benefit, but if our reasonable fees can help get us out of bankruptcy, I'm more than happy to pay the charges. Thanks for our newsletter, etal. Looking forward to '04 convention.

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Happy Spring***

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